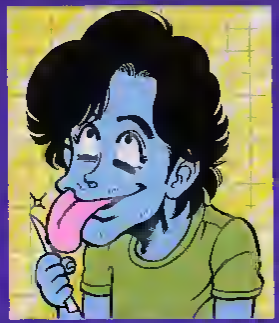

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新たなる神話の誕生、その名はK!!

野獣の肉体に、天才的頭脳を持つ男、K！かつて、幻の天才外科医と呼ばれた彼が依頼された仕事は、心臓の移植手術だった。だがそのウラに隠された、邪悪な意志を知ったとき、Kの神業のメスが悪を斬り裂く！今、ハードボイルド医学伝説がはじまる!!

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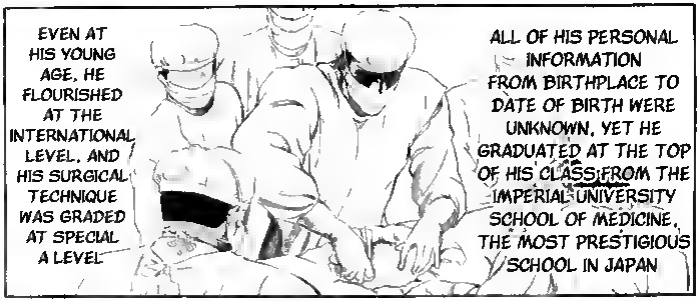
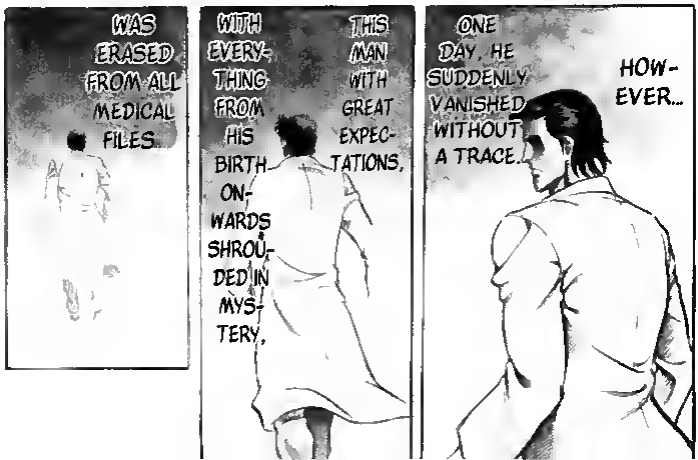
LONG AGO, IN JAPAN...
THERE WAS A YOUNG DOCTOR WHO WAS KNOWN AS AN EXTRAORDINARY PRODIGY...


EVEN AT HIS YOUNG AGE, HE FLOURISHED AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, AND HIS SURGICAL TECHNIQUE WAS GRADED AT SPECIAL A LEVEL
ALL OF HIS PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM BIRTHPLACE TO DATE OF BIRTH WERE UNKNOWN, YET HE GRADUATED AT THE TOP OF HIS CLASS FROM THE IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL IN JAPAN


WAS ERASED FROM ALL MEDICAL FILES...
WITH EVERY-THING FROM HIS BIRTH ON-WARDS SHROU-DED IN MYS-TERY,
THIS MAN WITH GREAT EXPEC-TATIONS,
ONE DAY, HE SUDDENLY VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE...
HOW-EVER..

THIS MAN, WITH THE BODY OF A BEAST AND THE INTELLECT OF A PRODIGY... AND DIVINE SKILL WITH A SCALPEL... HIS NAME WAS...
K!!
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SUPER DOCTOR K
CHART 1: RESCUE IN THE FLAMES

AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHANGE TO PLAY AT THE ARCADE.
SURE BLOWS SMOKING THESE BUTTS.

HEHEHE... I FOUND A SUCKER!!

ALRIGHT, LET'S GO COLLECT SOME CASH!

!
NOBODY DOES THAT ANYMORE!
YOU MEAN A SHAKE-DOWN?

AND WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING IN SUCH A RUSH,
MASA-KAZU?
I'M ON MY WAY TO THE HOSPI-TAL...
MASA-TSUGU...
!
!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL, THAT MEANS YOU'VE GOT CASH, RIGHT?
FORK IT OVER!!
HAVE YOU REALLY SUNK THAT LOW...?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!
NOW GIVE ME THE MONEY OR I'LL KICK YOUR ASS!!
TRYING TO EXTORT MONEY FROM YOUR OWN BROTHER !?
ARE YOU...
SHUT UP!! YOU'RE NO BROTHER TO ME!!
BUT I'M NOT FEELING WELL, AND I NEED TO HURRY TO THE HOSPITAL...
WE CAN TALK THIS OVER LATER...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

TALK TO ME LIKE I'M YOUR KID BROTHER!
YOU ALWAYS, ALWAYS
ガッ ガッ
ガッ
DON'T GET FRESH WITH ME!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D GO THAT FAR AGAINST HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD...
MASATSUGU'S REALLY GOT IT GOING ON...
WHOA, WHOA, ISN'T THAT MASATSUGU'S TWIN BROTHER?

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE
OUTTA MY WAY, MASA-TSUGU
IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH!
BUT...

S... SORRY...
OW...
KIDS THESE DAYS CAN BE SO CRUEL.
POOR GUY...
HUUUUUH ?

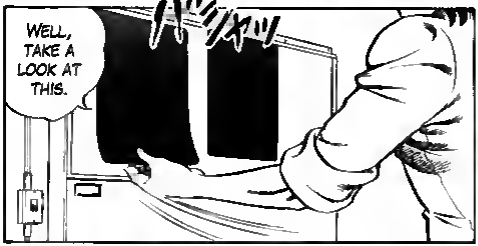
W... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...!?
!
HAF HEH
GET LOST.

DON'T YOU DARE THINK THIS IS OVER! MY HATRED FOR YOU IS WAY DEEPER THAN THIS!!
M... MASA-TSUGU...
W-WE GOTTA SPLIT!!
UNNN! GGGH
P..PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, MAN!
MY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IS THERE.
TAKE ME TO TERASAWA HOSPITAL
P-PLEASE...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HE'S-!
!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?
AL-RIGHT...

DON'T WORRY.
DOCTOR ...!!
SIGN: TERASAWA HOSPITAL
DR. TAKA-SHINA!!
WE'VE HAD TO COMMIT MR. NASHIDA DUE TO SUDDEN DETER-IORATION OF HIS CONDITION!!
HUH? MR. NASHIDA ?

HUH?
YES, BUT...
YOU MEAN HIS RENAL FAILURE...!?
UROLOGY DEPARTMENT
AND IT WAS DONE PERFECTLY...
HE'S ALREADY BEEN ADMINISTERED FIRST-AID
ARE YOU A RESCUE WORKER, OR HAVE YOU HAD SOME FORM OF TRAINING?
EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY, THANKS TO YOUR TREATMENT.
...
!!
H...HOW DID YOU KNOW!?
DOESN'T THAT MAN HAVE SEVERE KIDNEY DISEASE?
NEVER MIND THAT. TELL ME, WHY HAVEN'T YOU PERFORMED A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT YET?

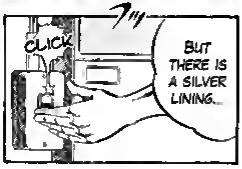
HIS SKIN TONE AND FIRMNESS, HIS FACIAL SWELLING, HIS EYE COLOR, AND HIS EMACIATION...
THOSE ARE NONE OTHER THAN THE SYMPTOMS OF CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE!

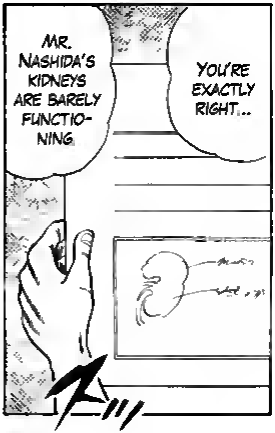


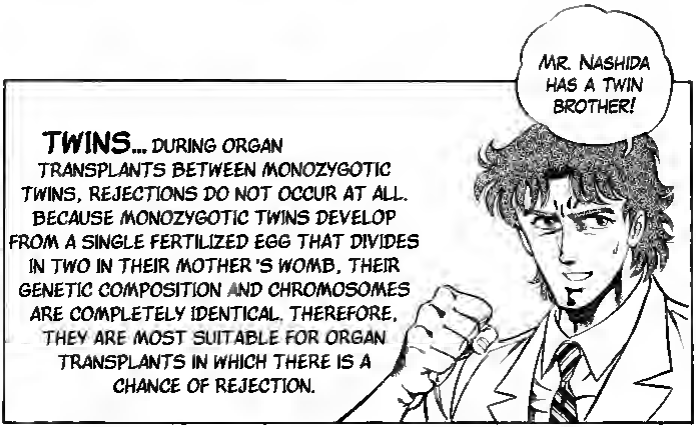
THE KIDNEYS ARE ORGANS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF URINE IN VERTEBRATES IN HUMANS, THERE IS ONE PAIR ON EACH SIDE OF THE SPINAL COLUMN

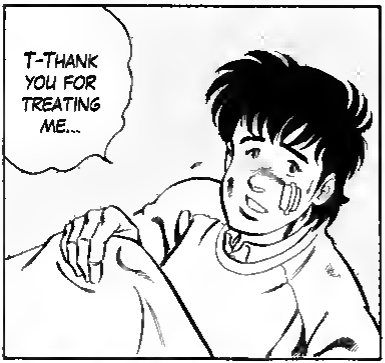
RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS HAVE SOLVED REJECTION IN TRANSPLANT SURGERY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT

KIDNEY DISEASE CAN BE TREATED BY ARTIFICIAL DIALYSIS OR TRANSPLANT SURGERY






MR. NASHIDA HAS A TWIN BROTHER!
TWINS... DURING ORGAN TRANSPLANTS BETWEEN MONOZYGOTIC TWINS, REJECTIONS DO NOT OCCUR AT ALL. BECAUSE MONOZYGOTIC TWINS DEVELOP FROM A SINGLE FERTILIZED EGG THAT DIVIDES IN TWO IN THEIR MOTHER'S WOMB, THEIR GENETIC COMPOSITION AND CHROMOSOMES ARE COMPLETELY IDENTICAL. THEREFORE, THEY ARE MOST SUITABLE FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANTS IN WHICH THERE IS A CHANCE OF REJECTION.


T-THANK YOU FOR TREATING ME...

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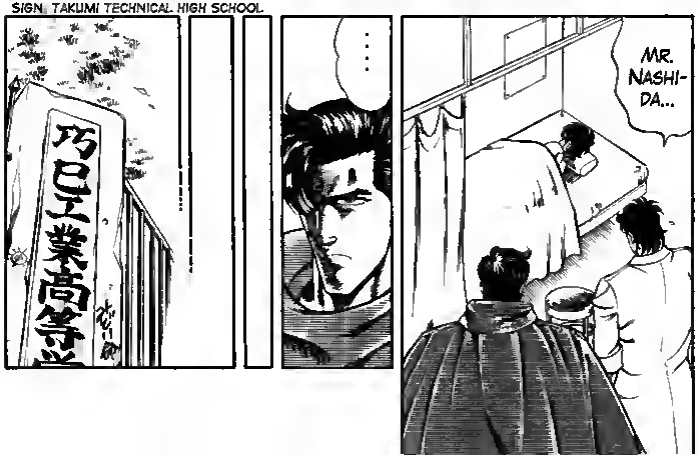
DR TAKASHINA, MR. NASHIDA IS AWAKE!

T-THANK YOU...
...
THIS IS THE MAN WHO SAVED YOU.

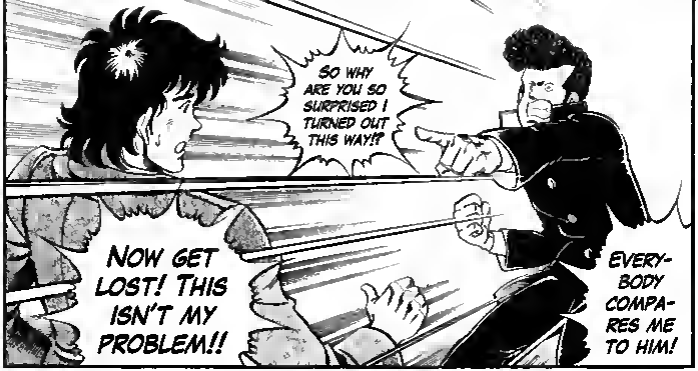
I KNOW...
YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL! I TOLD YOU THAT YOU'RE IN A CRITICAL CONDITION UNLESS YOU RECEIVE A TRANSPLANT!
ON THAT NOTE... HAS YOUR BROTHER CONSENTED TO DONATE HIS KIDNEY?
I'VE GIVEN UP ON THAT
IT'S THE LEAST OF MY CONCERNS NOW.
MY BROTHER PICKED A FIGHT WITH ME, AND LOOK WHERE THAT GOT ME NOW...
AND NOW HE'S TURNED DELIN-QUENT...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
MY BROTHER HATES ME..
SO MUCH THAT HE LEFT HOME OVER IT.
HIS OWN BROTHER.. HIS TWIN BROTHER'S LIFE IS AT RISK..
HOW COULD ANYBODY BE THAT HEART-LESS!?

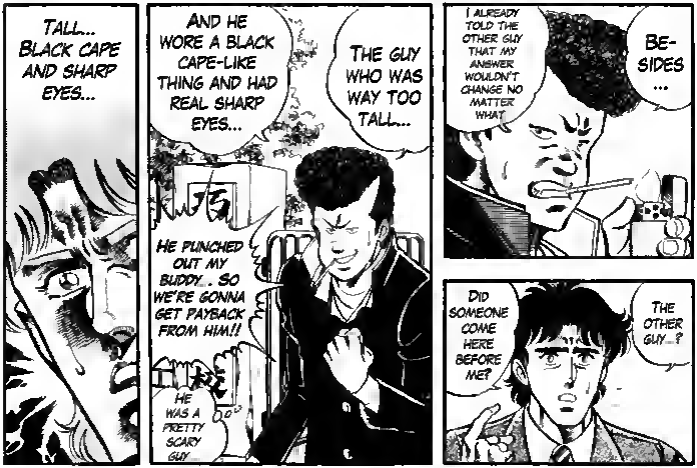
ALRIGHT! I'LL GO AND CONVINCE HIM!
THIS IS MY DUTY AS YOUR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN!!
DR. TAKASHINA, I DON'T
NO!! THIS IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!!
BUT... HE MAY BE LIKE THAT
BUT HE'S A GOOD GUY...
...

SIGN: TAKUMI TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



IF YOU'D JUST GIVE UP ONE OF YOUR KIDNEYS ...
BUT... YOUR BROTHER HAS A SERIOUS KIDNEY DISEASE!
WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO GIVE UP MY KIDNEY?
KCH! YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
HE CAN GO DIE, FOR ALL I CARE.
HMPF! HE'S NO BROTHER TO ME.
TCH...
YOU DON'T MEAN THAT...
MY BROTHER'S GOT A WARM PERSONALITY, HE GETS GOOD GRADES, AND HE GOES TO A PRESTIGIOUS PREP SCHOOL!
AND WHY WOULDN'T YOU!?
NOW COMPARE THAT TO ME! I'VE GOT HIS EXACT SAME FACE, BUT I'M IN A CESSPOOL OF A THIRD-RATE SCHOOL!!
AND THEY ALL TREAT ME LIKE SHIT!!
EVERYBODY I MEET IS SO WORRIED ABOUT MY BROTHER...
MY MOM, AND MY DAD, AND MY NEIGH-BORS... AND SO DO YOU!!


SO WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED I TURNED OUT THIS WAY!?
NOW GET LOST! THIS ISN'T MY PROBLEM!!
EVERY-BODY COMPA-RES ME TO HIM!

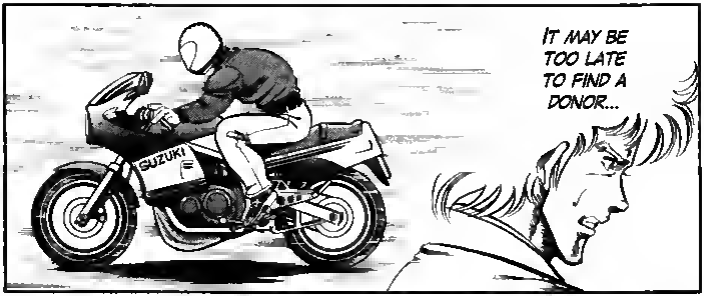

TALL... BLACK CAPE AND SHARP EYES...
AND HE WORE A BLACK CAPE-LIKE THING AND HAD REAL SHARP EYES...
THE GUY WHO WAS WAY TOO TALL...
HE PUNCHED OUT MY BUDDY. . SO WE'RE GONNA GET PAYBACK FROM HIM!!
HE WAS A PRETTY SCARY GUY
I ALREADY TOLD THE OTHER GUY THAT MY ANSWER WOULDN'T CHANGE NO MATTER WHAT
BE-SIDES ...
DID SOMEONE COME HERE BEFORE ME?
THE OTHER GUY...?

WHY WOULD HE...!?
IT'S HIM...!!

HE'S GONNA PAY NEXT TIME WE MEET!
THAT BASTARD COST ME MY TWO FRONT TEETH
...
MIDORI
THAT BLACK-CAPE GUY REALLY KNOCKED YOUR SOCKS OFF, HUH?
OPEN
MIDORI
COFFEE
COULD HE ACTUALLY BE
MASA-TSUGU!
BUT.. IF THAT DOCTOR WAS SO WORKED UP ABOUT HIM, MY BROTHER MUST BE IN REALLY BAD CONDITION
I DIDN'T EVEN MEAN ANY OF THAT..
I GUESS.. I WAS BEING AN ASSHOLE AGAIN
HUH ...?
HEY, MASA-TSUGU !!
GET WITH THE PROGRAM!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OFF IN LA-LA LAND!?
S-SORRY!

SIGN: TERASAWA HOSPITAL

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SOON...
HE'S GETTING WORSE BY THE DAY.
WE CAN'T GO MUCH LONGER ON DIALYSIS ALONE. PLUS THERE'S THE EXPENSE...
WE HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE WORRYING ABOUT HIS TWIN!
BUT ...!!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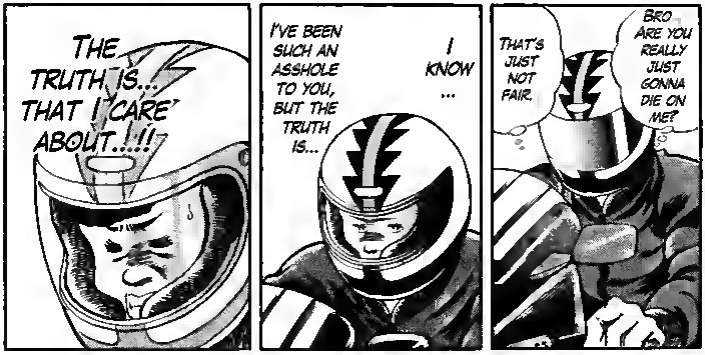
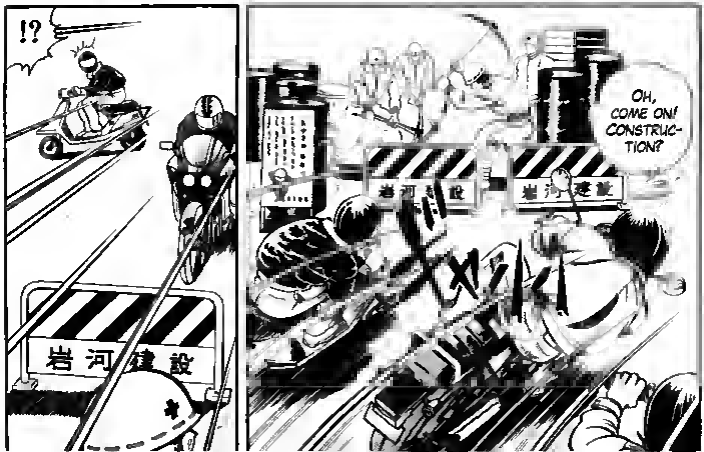
IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO FIND A DONOR...


THE TRUTH IS... THAT I CARE ABOUT...!!!
I'VE BEEN SUCH AN ASSHOLE TO YOU, BUT THE TRUTH IS...
I KNOW ...
THAT'S JUST NOT FAIR.
BRO ARE YOU REALLY JUST GONNA DIE ON ME?


!?
岩河建設
OH, COME ON! CONSTRUC-TION?

HUH?
M... MASATSUGU, YOU MORON...!!
ガラガラ

W... WHAT THE...!?
!!
ボワァ
AHHHH! I CAN'T GET OUT
THAT MOTORBIKE CRASHED INTO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE AND STARTED A FIRE!!
T... THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT!!

H... HELP ME!!
ガッキーン
GYA AAAAA AAAH!
NOT OUR PROBLEM! LET'S SCRAM!!
M-MASATSUGU... HE'S BURNING UP...
WE CAN'T... IT'S TOO LATE!
G-GET AN EXTINGUISHER ...

W... WHO'S THAT!?
DON'T! IT'S TOO RISKY IN THERE!!
NNNGH...

ドカン
ゴオオオン
He rescued him from the fire...!?
B-B-B-But how!?

UNNGH...
BRACE YOUR-SELF!
ハヴォッ
!
I'M SORRY...
B... BRO...
UHH... THERE'S A HOSPITAL DOWN THE STREET... BUT HURRY!!
MY BRO...
I... REALLY RESPECTED

...BUT I LOVED HIM... I WAS PROUD OF HIM...
A...AND YET HE HAD TO GET THAT DISEASE...
BUT... I COULD NEVER BE HONEST ABOUT IT... AND I ACTED LIKE A KID...

AT LEAST LET ME DO ONE GOOD THING... BEFORE I DIE...
HEHEHE... I'M NOT GONNA SURVIVE THIS...
HEHE HE...

GIVE MY BRO... MY KIDNEY...
P... PLEASE...
IF WE DO A TRANSPLANT NOW, YOU COULD DIE

ガチャ

AL-RIGHT...

I'LL TELL YOUR BROTHER... YOUR INTENT!!
HE'S SUFFERING FROM TOTAL BODY BURNS!!
WE HAVE AN URGENT PATIENT!!
寺沢病院
NO WAY... WHY DID THEY SEND HIM HERE!?
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A FACILITY TO TREAT TOTAL BODY BURNS..!!
東京消
!!
Y... YOU'RE ...!?
THE PATIENT... IS MR. NASHIDA'S BROTHER!!
WELL, YOU SEE...
BUT... WHAT'S HE DOING HERE..!?
MR. NASHIDA'S BROTHER!?

BUT... THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD... BUT AS THINGS STAND...
EVEN IF WE TRY TO TRANSPLANT A KIDNEY FROM A PATIENT WITH SUCH SEVERE BURNS... DO YOU SUPPOSE IT WOULD EVEN FUNCTION!?
IS DONATING HIS KIDNEY TO HIS BROTHER.
HE...
O-OH...
H... HUH?
TAKE ME TO THE OPERATING ROOM.
BUT THIS MAY EVEN PUT THE OLDER ONE AT RISK...
UNFORT-UNATELY, WE CAN'T SAVE THE YOUNGER BROTHER...
.....

WHAT ...!?
YOU ...!?
THIS OPERATION!
I WILL DO
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A RECKLESS DECISION!?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN FOLLOWING PROCEDURE...
W... WAIT!! WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU, ANYWAY!?
!?
I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING SO PRE-POSTE-ROUS!!
DIREC-TOR
DO YOU EVEN HAVE A MEDICAL LICENSE!?
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU'RE FROM.

WAWAH...
D-DIREC-TOR!
ドサッ!!
I HAVE NO TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR NON-SENSE!
ガシッ
A. ALRIGHT!
TAKE THE PATIENT TO THE OPERATING ROOM, STAT!
MR. NASHIDA IS MY PATIENT!
W... WAIT JUST A SECOND !!
THIS IS CLEARLY A VIOLATION !!

IS JUST TOO RECKLESS!!
OPERATING
BESIDES, TRANSPLANTING A KIDNEY FROM SUCH A SEVERELY BURNED PATIENT...
YOU SHOULDN'T DO THIS!!

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURE!!
SO I'LL ASSIST YOU!!
M-MR NASHIDA IS STILL MY PATIENT...
CRINGE...
IF AN OUTSIDER PERFORMS THIS OPERATION AND IT FAILS.
WE COULD BE HELD LIABLE..
THIS SURGERY!
I WILL BE PERFORMING...
ギロッ…
WE WILL EXTRACT BOTH OF THE OLDER BROTHER'S KIDNEYS!!
FOLLOWING THIS, WE WILL EXTRACT AND TRANSPLANT THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S RIGHT KIDNEY!!
WOULDN'T WE HAVE HIGHER CHANCES IF WE TRANSPLANTED BOTH KIDNEYS. ?
JUST THE RIGHT ONE?

WE WILL PERFORM A SKIN GRAFT ON THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S AFFECTED AREAS!!
CONCURRENTLY...
IF WE TRANSPLANTED BOTH KIDNEYS, THE YOUNGER BROTHER WOULD DIE.
BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE YOUNGER BROTHER
?
YOU WANT TO SAVE THE YOUNGER BROTHER, TOO!?
YOU DON'T MEAN...
HUUUH !?
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A SKIN GRAFT THIS EXTENSIVE...
BUT...
!!
IS TO GRAFT THEM WITH ANOTHER PERSON'S SKIN AND PREVENT INFECTIONS...
IT'S TRUE THAT THE BEST TREATMENT FOR SEVERE BURNS...

I THOUGHT YOU ALL LEARNED THAT IN UNIVERSITY.
Squeeze!
IN THE CASE OF TWINS...
REJECTIONS DO NOT OCCUR, EITHER IN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS OR SKIN GRAFTS.
BESIDES, WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOOK FOR SKIN DONORS!
THE OLDER BROTHER WHO'S WEAK WITH KIDNEY DISEASE!?
Y...YOU'RE CRAZY!! YOU DON'T MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE SKIN FROM MR. NASHIDA...
I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY THIS SURGERY WILL SUCCEED..
AND YOU WANT TO DO A SKIN GRAFT ON TOP OF THAT..? NEITHER OF THEM WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS OPERATION!!
THAT'S INSANE! EVEN JUST THE TRANSPLANT IS RISKY ENOUGH...

IF WE GRAFT SKIN FROM THE OLDER BROTHER AND TRANSPLANT A KIDNEY FROM THE YOUNGER,
WE CAN SAVE THEM BOTH!
BUT...
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! SO DON'T WASTE IT!!
UH ANESTHETIC'S READY...
NOT NECESSARY!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NOT NECESSARY ...?
!?
ZZZZ...
ZZZZ...
ACUPUNCTURE ANESTHESIA!?
AND HE ONLY NEEDED ONE NEEDLE...?
THIS MAN USES ACUPUNCTURE..?

R... RIGHT...
SCALPEL!!
FOR-CEPS!! STAT!!
KEEP THE BLOOD SUPPLY GOING!!

YOU TAKE CARE OF SUTURING THE YOUNGER BROTHER!
R-RIGHT...
EEP!
BOTH PATIENTS' KIDNEYS HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED!
AT FIRST GLANCE HE JUST SEEMS RECKLESS, BUT HE'S NOT... THIS IS HARDLY HUMAN SKILL!!
HE'S FAST... AND LOOK AT HOW HE USES THAT SCALPEL..!
PREP FOR MICRO-SURGERY* !!
AH... HEY, WE'RE ATTA-CHING IT!!
ALRIGHT! WE WILL BEGIN ATTACHING THE KIDNEY!!
A... AMAZING...

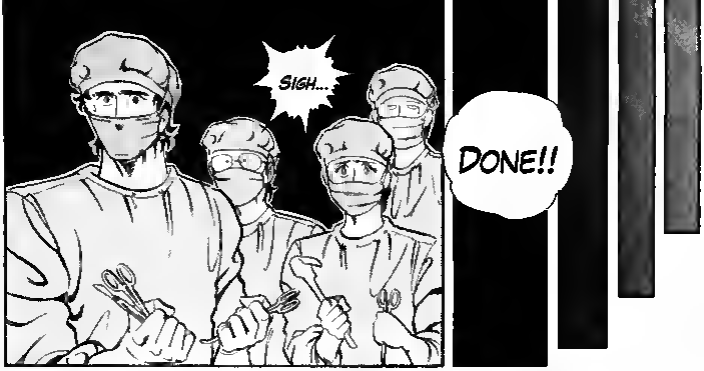
*MICROSURGERY SURGERY WITH A MICROSCOPE

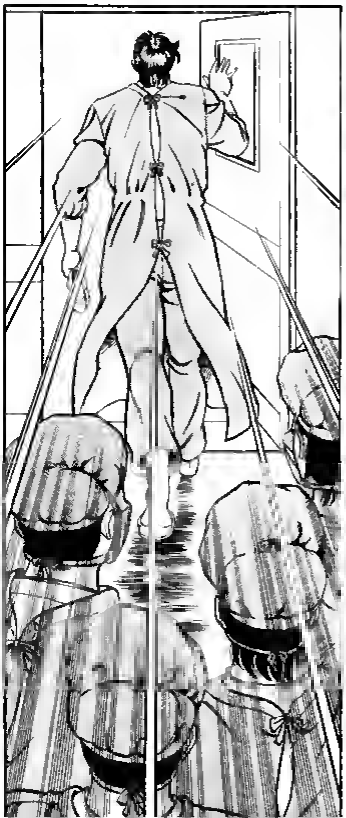
WATCH CAREFULLY!
NOT NECESSARY!
ピーッ
THIS MAN ATTACHED THE BLOOD VESSELS AND THE NERVES WITHOUT USING A MICROSCOPE OR EVEN A MAGNIFYING GLASS...!!
ガーン
H... HOW DID HE...!?
IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN AN HOUR SINCE SURGERY BEGAN...
YOU HANDLE THE SUTURING! I'LL START THE SKIN GRAFTING!
KIDNEY TRANSPLANT COMPLETE!!

Y-YEAH...
SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM.
DR. TAKASHINA...
IF IT WERE ME.. I DON'T KNOW IF I'D HAVE EVEN GOT TO THE KIDNEY YET..
THIS MAN'S OPERATION...
IS ON AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DIMENSION FROM OURS!!
I...I KNEW IT...
THEY CAN'T HANDLE THIS OPERATION!
GIVE HIM A VASOPRESSOR...!
!!
HEART RATE DECLINING!!
HEART RATE
DON'T WORRY...
IF YOU'RE WORRIED, GIVE HIM A VITAMIN SHOT.

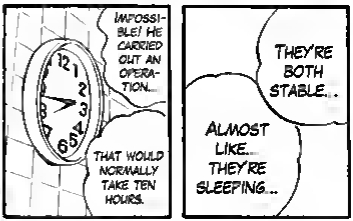
YOU NEED MORE FAITH IN HUMAN VITALITY!
YOU SHOULD BE EXPECTING HIS HEART RATE OR PULSE TO WEAKEN.
WE'RE DOING SUCH A MAJOR SURGERY
YOU'RE NOT...
FOR NOW...
JUST FOCUS... ON THE SKIN GRAFT...
AND FINISHING THIS OPERATION!!
GETTING STRONGER...
BUT SURELY
IT'S SLOWLY...
UH... HIS PULSE...
NON FADE DISPLAY
HEART RATE

DOES HE KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY...!?
WHO IS HE...!?
A GOD !? .....
HE'S CONDUCTING THIS MAJOR OPERATION ALONE.
HE HASN'T BROKEN INTO A SWEAT ONCE, AND HE'S GOING AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEED.
COULD HE ACTUALLY BE...


SIGH...
DONE!!



H...HEY, HOW'S THEIR ECG READINGS!?

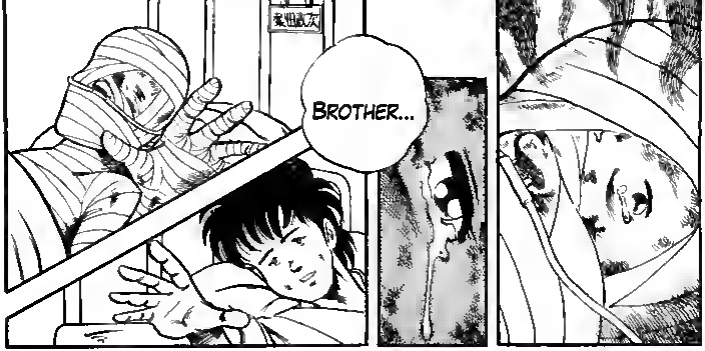

IMPOSSIBLE! HE CARRIED OUT AN OPERATION...
THAT WOULD NORMALLY TAKE TEN HOURS.
THEY'RE BOTH STABLE...
ALMOST LIKE... THEY'RE SLEEPING...

I'LL LEAVE THE FINAL PROCEDURES TO YOU!
IN JUST OVER THREE...

H-HE ACTUALLY...
SAVED THEM BOTH...
HEY.
ARE YOU AWAKE !?
...
!!
RELAX. YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL ...

WE HAD TO TRANSPLANT NEARLY HALF OF YOUR SKIN...
?
BUT WE MANAGED TO SAVE YOU WITH A SKIN GRAFT!
YOU WERE IN AN ACCIDENT... AND YOU WERE HEAVILY BURNED.
WITH YOUR BROTHER'S ...
BRO'S SKIN...
B...BRO...
. . . . . !!
H-HI...
OF MY BODY ...?
IS ON HALF...
UH...
I'M SORRY, MASATSUGU..

YOU SAVED MY LIFE... AND I PROMISE I WON'T WASTE IT!
BUT...
I...I...
DIDN'T DESERVE TO TAKE A KIDNEY FROM YOU...
YOU AND I ARE TWIN BROTHERS.
SO I KNEW HOW YOU FELT.
THAT I UNDER-STAND WHY YOU WENT BAD...
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT, I FELT...
OUR POSITIONS COULD'VE JUST AS EASILY BEEN REVERSED..
I... TREATED YOU SO HORRIBLY...
B-BRO...
YOU DID THIS FOR ME...?
Y...
YOU...
BUT EVEN STILL...
WE'RE STILL TWINS!!
BUT WHATEVER YOU MAY SAY...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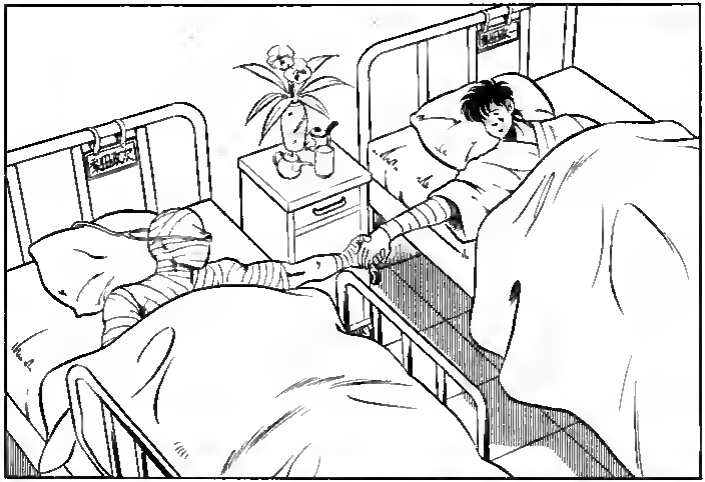


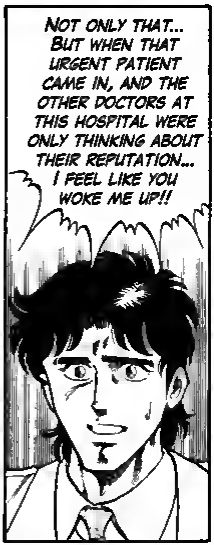
I TAKE IT THEY'LL BE FINE NOW...
!

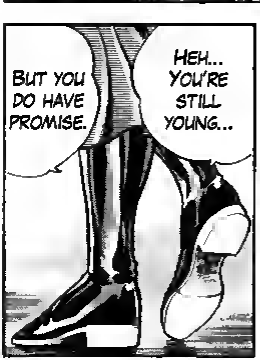
W... WAIT!! AT LEAST TELL ME YOUR NAME!!

I HAVE TO GO NOW...
THEN IT WAS WORTH SAVING THEM BOTH...

AND WHERE'D YOU GET THAT SKILL!? YOU DID THAT DIFFICULT OPERATION ALONE, AND SO FAST!!
WHAT HOSPITAL DO YOU WORK THROUGH!?

I'M NOT EMPLOYED AT ANY HOSPITAL, NOR WAS I TAUGHT BY ANYONE.
MY NAME IS KAZUYA ...


NOT ONLY THAT... BUT WHEN THAT URGENT PATIENT CAME IN, AND THE OTHER DOCTORS AT THIS HOSPITAL WERE ONLY THINKING ABOUT THEIR REPUTATION... I FEEL LIKE YOU WOKE ME UP!!


BUT YOU DO HAVE PROMISE.
HEH... YOU'RE STILL YOUNG...

I CAN'T BELIEVE WHY YOU WOULDN'T START A HOSPITAL...!!
B-BUT WHY!?

I AM A MAN WHO HAS NEITHER THE INTENTION OF, NOR INTEREST IN, ENTERING THE PUBLIC MEDICAL SPHERE.
JUST REMEMBER THIS...
WHAT REASON COULD HE POSSIBLY HAVE...!?
N...NO WAY! HE HAS SUCH AMAZING SKILL...
KAZUYA ....!?

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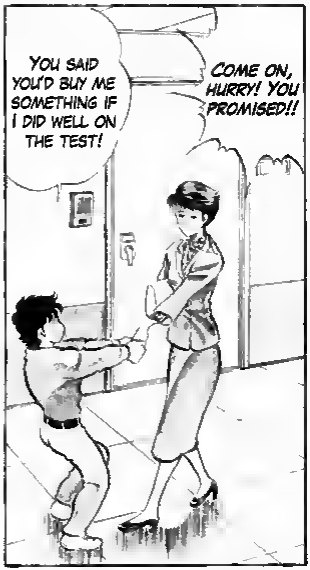
CHAPTER 1

CHART 2: SURGERY IN THE DARKNESS, PART 1

HEHEHEHE! DON'T BE SUCH A STICK IN THE MUD!
YOU'RE SO HOPELESS! I TOLD YOU I'D BUY YOU SOMETHING IF YOU GOT AT LEAST AN 80%!


YOU SAID YOU'D BUY ME SOMETHING IF I DID WELL ON THE TEST!
COME ON, HURRY! YOU PROMISED!!

COME ON! LET'S GET SOME DINNER WHILE WE'RE OUT!

YOU'LL BE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR!
WHAT A HOPELESS CHILD. YOU'RE GOING TO BE AN ADULT SOON, SHIGERU.
HEY, DON'T TRY AND LECTURE ME NOW!!
I CAN BRAG ABOUT IT TO MY CLASSMATES NOW!
HEHEHE... THIS NEW NES GAME JUST CAME OUT!
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HUH?
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IS IT AN EARTHQUAKE..? I...I'M SCARED.
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WHAT?
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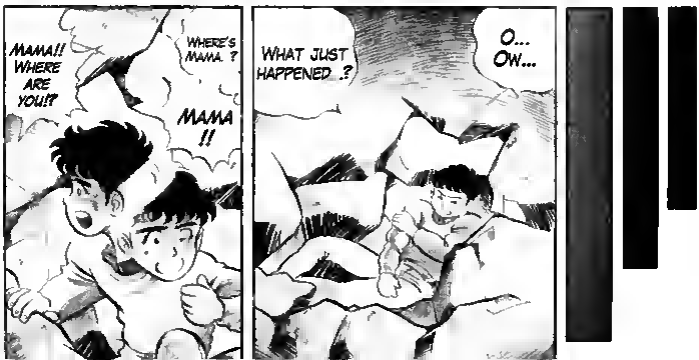
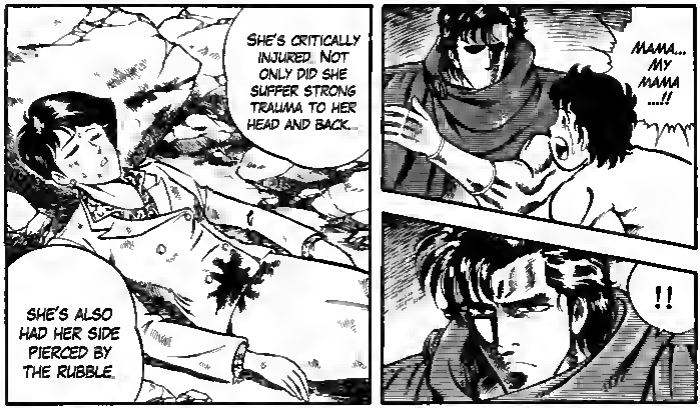
S-SHI-GERU!!
M... MAMAAAA !!
AUGH...
AAAAAA AUGH...
URRR-GGGHH ...!!


MAMA!! WHERE ARE YOU!?
WHERE'S MAMA ?
MAMA !!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED .?
O... OW...

M... MAMA!!
HELLO? IS ANYBODY THERE!?
HELP.. PLEASE, HELP! MY MAMA'S GONNA DIE!!
I CAN'T DO IT... MAMA'S GONNA DIE AT THIS RATE!
UNGH.. HEAVE-HO..
MAMA... HANG IN THERE..
EEP...

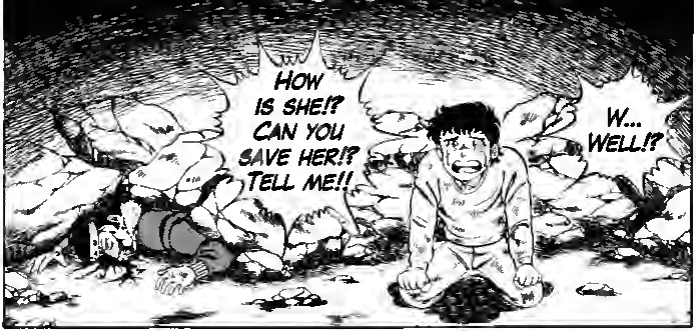
TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
THIS IS WHAT DEATH IS.
H...HELP! GET ME OUT OF HERE...!!
H-H-H... HE'S...
HUU RRRRR KKK...!!
DEAD ...!!
EVEN PEOPLE WHO WERE ALIVE MERE MINUTES AGO...
CAN DIE JUST LIKE THIS.
!!

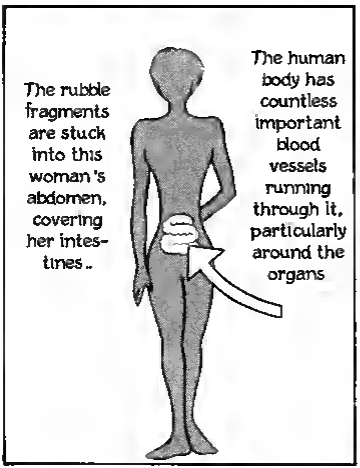
WE'RE COMPLETELY TRAPPED IN HERE... AND SHOUTING WILL JUST WASTE YOUR ENERGY.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DON'T SHOUT SO MUCH.


SHE'S CRITICALLY INJURED. NOT ONLY DID SHE SUFFER STRONG TRAUMA TO HER HEAD AND BACK...
SHE'S ALSO HAD HER SIDE PIERCED BY THE RUBBLE.
MAMA... MY MAMA ...!!
!!

UHH... ARE YOU A DOCTOR?
I HOPE IT HASN'T HIT ANY ORGANS...
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A FRAGMENT STILL INSIDE HER.

MAMA'S GONNA... MAMA'S GONNA DIE AT THIS RATE!! AND IF MAMA DIES, WHAT AM I GONNA DO... !?
PLEASE, SAVE MY MAMA ...!!
I AM.
I...I'M SCARED! IT'S DARK... AND CRAMPED... AND I'M HUNGRY...
I FEAR..
NO... THIS WAS NO EARTH-QUAKE...
WHY DID THERE HAVE TO BE AN EARTHQUAKE HERE?
WHY..? WHY DID THERE...
SHODDY CONSTRUC-TION.
IT'S WHAT YOU'D CALL...
THAT JUDGING BY HOW THESE MATERIALS FELL APART




The rubble fragments are stuck into this woman's abdomen, covering her intestines.
The human body has countless important blood vessels running through it, particularly around the organs

AND IF THE RUBBLE FRAGMENTS THAT ARE STILL INSIDE HER HAPPEN TO PUNCTURE AN ARTERY...
THE HUMAN INTESTINE HAS AN EXTREMELY WEAK COMPOSITION. AT THIS RATE, HER INTESTINES WILL UNDERGO NECROSIS*.

*NECROSIS: WHEN SOMATIC CELLS DISINTEGRATE DUE TO A LACK OF NUTRIENTS AND OXYGEN

!!
IT WILL CAUSE MAJOR BLEEDING!
TO REMOVE THE RUBBLE!
I'LL USE THIS SCALPEL
ALL I CAN DO NOW, BEFORE THE CELLS IN HER INTESTINAL AREA UNDERGO NECROSIS,
HEY!
WON'T OPERATING ON HER MAKE THINGS EVEN WORSE!?
HERE IN THIS PLACE FILLED WITH BACTERIA!?
YOU'RE GOING TO OPERATE NOW!?

I'M SCARED!!
WON'T THERE BE A LOT OF BLOOD IF YOU OPERATE...?
HMM... I CAN USE THIS!
HE'S NO LONGER A HUMAN. HE'S JUST A LUMP OF FLESH.
THAT IS DEATH!!
TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK AT THAT MAN!
...MAMA ...!!
AND THAT'S WHAT YOUR MOTHER WILL BECOME IF I LEAVE HER ANY LONGER!

I'M GOING TO USE THIS SHOCHU AS DISINFECTANT.
DON'T WORRY.
GLOO
LET'S BEGIN!

THAT'S A LOT OF BLOOD...
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I DON'T HARM ANY OF THE OTHER ARTERIES..
IF ONLY I HAD SOME ABSORBENT COTTON... IT'S HARD TO MAKE OUT THE AFFECTED AREA WITH ALL THIS BLOOD
UGGH
ULLLP ....!!
I'D LIKE TO GIVE HER A BLOOD TRANSFUSION..
HER PULSE IS BECOMING IRREGULAR..

THAT'S ONE!
FOUND IT!
NO. NOW COMES THE TOUGH PART.
DID YOU SAVE MY MAMA!?
D-DID YOU DO IT!?
THAT MAKES SEVEN.
IT TRULY IS A PRECISE OPERATION...
ALL THESE FRAGMENTS HAVE TO BE REMOVED WITHOUT INJURING THE TISSUE OF THE INTESTINES THEY ARE EMBEDDED IN.
FOUR...
THERE ARE SIXTEEN FRAGMENTS IN TOTAL.

MY SWEAT!
HUH!?
WIPE MY SWEAT!
HEY!
MAKE IT QUICK!!
HUUUUUH!? I HAVE TO DO THAT!?
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UGGGG GGH...!!
ALRIGHT, ONLY ONE LEFT!!
FIFTEEN.
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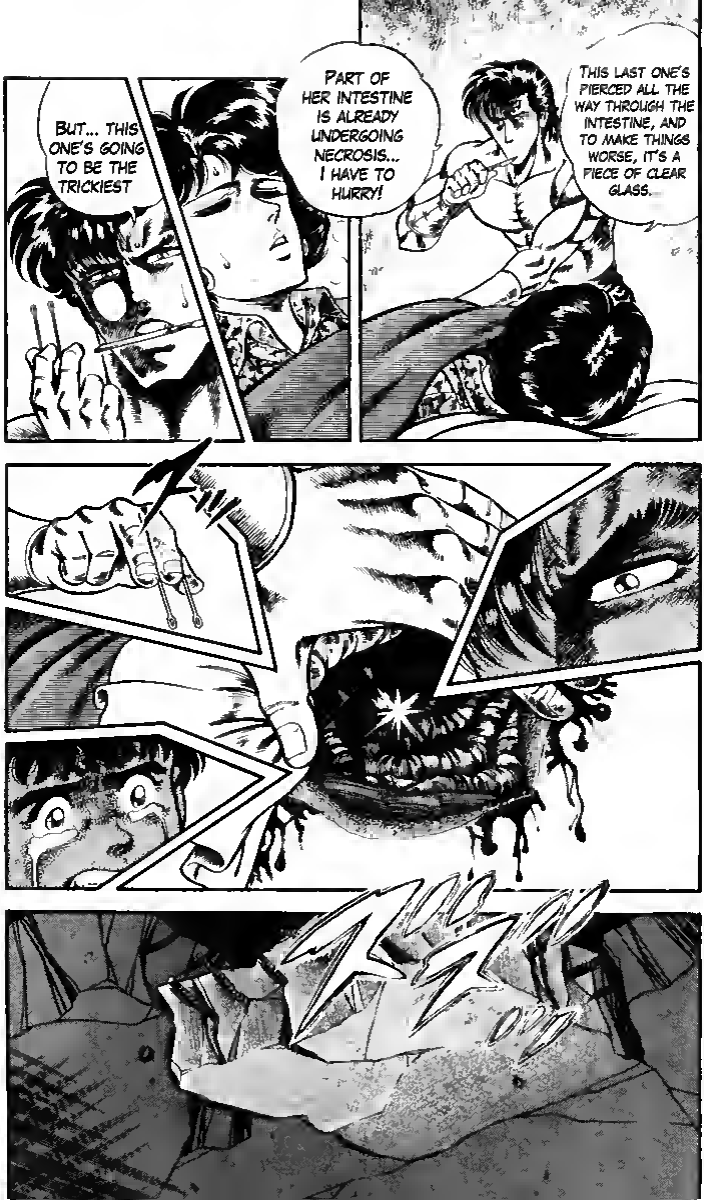
THIS ONE'S EMBEDDED PRETTY DEEP.


This last one's pierced all the way through the intestine, and to make things worse, it's a piece of clear glass...
Part of her intestine is already undergoing necrosis... I have to hurry!
But... this one's going to be the trickiest

THE CEILING'S COLLAPSING ...!!
WAAAA-AUGH...
GAAAH ...!!

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A...ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW...
THIS HAS GONE FROM BAD TO WORSE ...!!
THAT LAST SHOCK CAUSED THE FRAGMENT TO GET EMBEDDED DEEPER, BEYOND OUR SIGHT...
AND IT PIERCED AN ARTERY, CAUSING MAJOR BLEEDING!!
AT THIS RATE, SHE'LL DIE OF SHOCK DUE TO BLOOD LOSS...

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CHAPTER 2

CHART 3: SURGERY IN THE DARKNESS, PART 2

GOOD, YOU'RE NOT INJURED...
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BLOOD... MAMA'S BLEEDING SO MUCH!!
B... BLOOD...
B...BUT MAMA'S ...!!

I-IT'S TOO LATE! MAMA'S... WAAAAAHHH..!!
MAMA'S GONNA DIE
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE SURGERY HERE . NOW WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT THIS!?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU..? YOU SHOULDN'T ...
THAT LAST SHOCK CAUSED AN INJURY ON ONE OF HER INTESTINAL BLOOD VESSELS
SHE'S HAVING ARTERIAL BLEEDING!

DON'T GIVE UP...
THE OPERATION WILL CONTINUE...!!
YOU CONTINUE THE OPERATION!
YOU DO IT.
MAMA... IT'S TOO LATE...
BUT YOU CAN'T DO IT...!
WAAAAAAAAAH!
HUH?
WE'LL ALL BE TRAPPED UNDERNEATH
IF I LET GO OF THIS...

I DON'T WANNA... I CAN'T DO IT...
N-NO! DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
I'M STILL A KID!!
YOU DO IT!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WITH YOUR HANDS FREE!
THAT LEAVES YOU..
!!
CONSIDERING HER BLOOD LOSS UP TO THIS POINT.
SHE ONLY HAS FIVE MINUTES UNTIL SHE DIES OF SHOCK!!
ARTERIAL BLEEDING IS INCREDIBLY QUICK, AND THE INTESTINAL TISSUE IS EXTREMELY WEAK!
YOUR MOTHER WILL DIE!
IF YOU DON'T DO THIS NOW, THEN FIVE MINUTES FROM NOW,
F...FIVE MINUTES !?
MAMA ...!!

W-WHAT DO I DO!?
I CAN'T DO SURGERY...
I DON'T KNOW HOW!
CALM DOWN! JUST DO EVERYTHING I TELL YOU!
FIRST,
PICK UP THE SCALPEL.
S. SCALPEL... SCALPEL..
UHH...
AH!
T...THE SCALPEL'S BENT...!!
AHHHHHH!! IT'S HOPELESS! I CAN'T DO THIS.
MAMA'S GONNA DIE!!
TAKE THAT BOTTLE AND BREAK IT!
?
SHUT UP AND DO AS I SAY!!

OKAY... THAT'S GOOD!!
!?
WILL BE YOUR SCALPEL !!
THAT GLASS FRAGMENT...
GLASS FRAGMENTS HAVE CUTTING EDGES THAT ARE MORE THAN SHARP ENOUGH!!
DON'T WORRY!!
I...I CAN'T!
I DON'T WANNA...
HUUUH..? YOU MEAN THIS...!?
TAKE OUT YOUR MOTHER'S HAIR PIN.
NEXT...
THAT'LL DISINFECT THEM.
NOW DIP BOTH THE GLASS AND THE PIN IN THE SHOCHU.
GOOD... NOW YOU'RE READY.
THE FIRST THING THAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS STOP THE ARTERIAL BLEEDING!

THEN STOP UP THE RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL WITH THE HAIR PIN!
OPEN YOUR MOTHER'S WOUND AND STICK YOUR HAND IN IT.
WA AAAA AUGH ...
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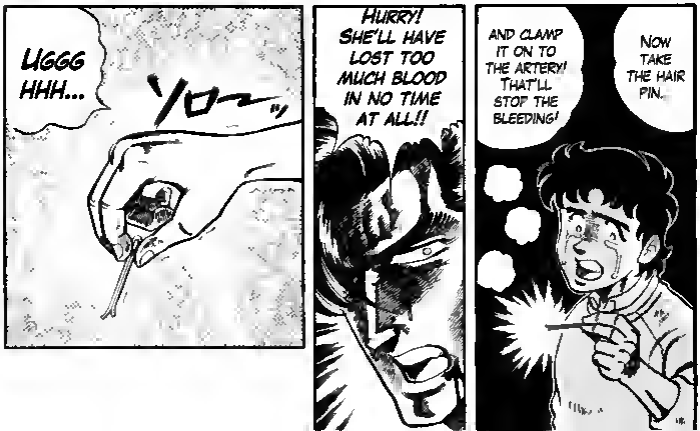
LLLLPP...
URK..
THREE MINUTES.
!!
MAMA- AAAAAA !!
WAAAAA AAAUGH! NOOOOO !!
NO, NO, NO... I CAN'T DO THIS!

THEN SHE'LL JUST BE A LUMP OF FLESH!
IF SHE DIES...
MAMA...
DO IT!
UGGGG GHHH...
HIC!
HIC!

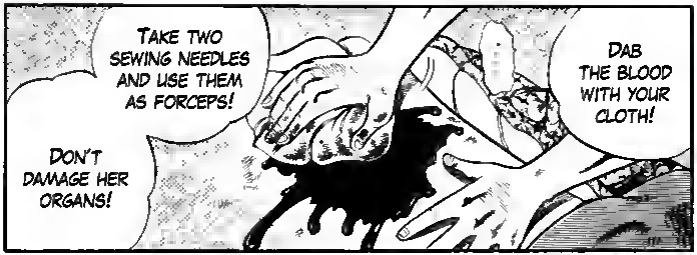
AIEEE...
KCCC-HHHH...
T...THERE'S TOO MUCH BLOOD... I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S WHAT... I-I DON'T THINK I...
CAN DO IT...
TWO MINUTES!!
DO IT...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

AROUND THERE!!
TRY GOING TWO CENTI-METERS UP!
THERE SHOULD BE AN ARTERY THERE! TRY TO FIND IT!!
THREE CENTIME-TERS IN!
A LITTLE BIT DEEPER!

GOOD! THAT'S THE ARTERY!!
S SPURTING SOMETHING
I FEEL SOMETHING . IT'S KINDA LIKE A TUBE, AND IT'S..


UGGG HHH...
HURRY! SHE'LL HAVE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD IN NO TIME AT ALL!!
AND CLAMP IT ON TO THE ARTERY! THAT'LL STOP THE BLEEDING!
NOW TAKE THE HAIR PIN..

I...I DID IT!!
WELL DONE!
NOW TIE OFF THE ARTERY WITH THREAD! THEN WE WON'T HAVE ANY MORE BLEEDING FROM THERE!
I...I DID IT... MAMA'S GONNA LIVE! MAMA CAN BE RESCUED NOW!!
WE CAN'T REST EASY YET!
THERE'S STILL THE FRAGMENT IN HER BODY.
IF WE LEAVE IT IN THERE, HER INTESTINES WILL UNDERGO NECROSIS!
THE REAL CHALLENGE STARTS NOW!
THIS TIME, YOU HAVE TO REMOVE THE FRAGMENT!
GULP...


TAKE TWO SEWING NEEDLES AND USE THEM AS FORCEPS!
DON'T DAMAGE HER ORGANS!
DAB THE BLOOD WITH YOUR CLOTH!

I...IT'S NOT...
I CAN'T FIND IT ANY-WHERE!!

THE FRAGMENT SHOULD BE THERE.
LOOK AROUND THE RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?
HEY, WHAT'S NEXT?
WE HAVE TO HURRY!!

WHERE...
THAT'S STRANGE... IT JUST HAS TO BE NEAR THAT BLOOD VESSEL...
WHERE DID IT GO...!?

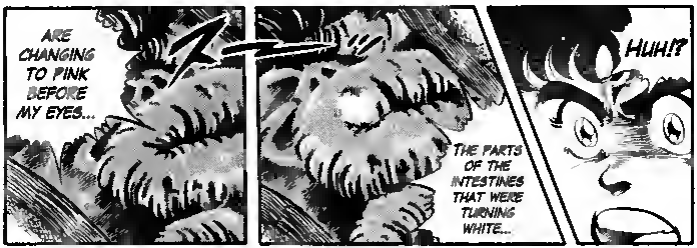
IT'S NOT THERE...!?

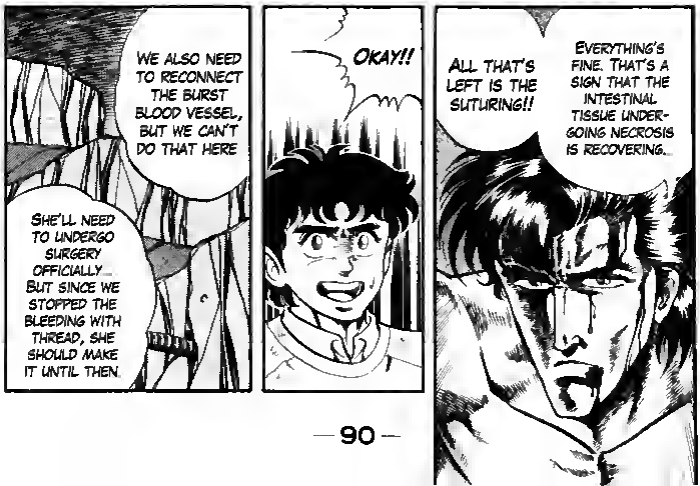
HOW FAR DID IT GO...!?
BUT IF THAT'S SO...
AND IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HER INTESTINES UNDERGO NECROSIS..
WE HAVE TO BE QUICK... SHE WON'T LAST LONG IF WE KEEP MAKING INCISIONS.
WHEN THE FRAGMENT RUPTURED THE ARTERY, THE BLOOD FLOW MUST HAVE SHIFTED ITS POSITION!!
THAT'S IT!!
!?
THERE IT IS!!

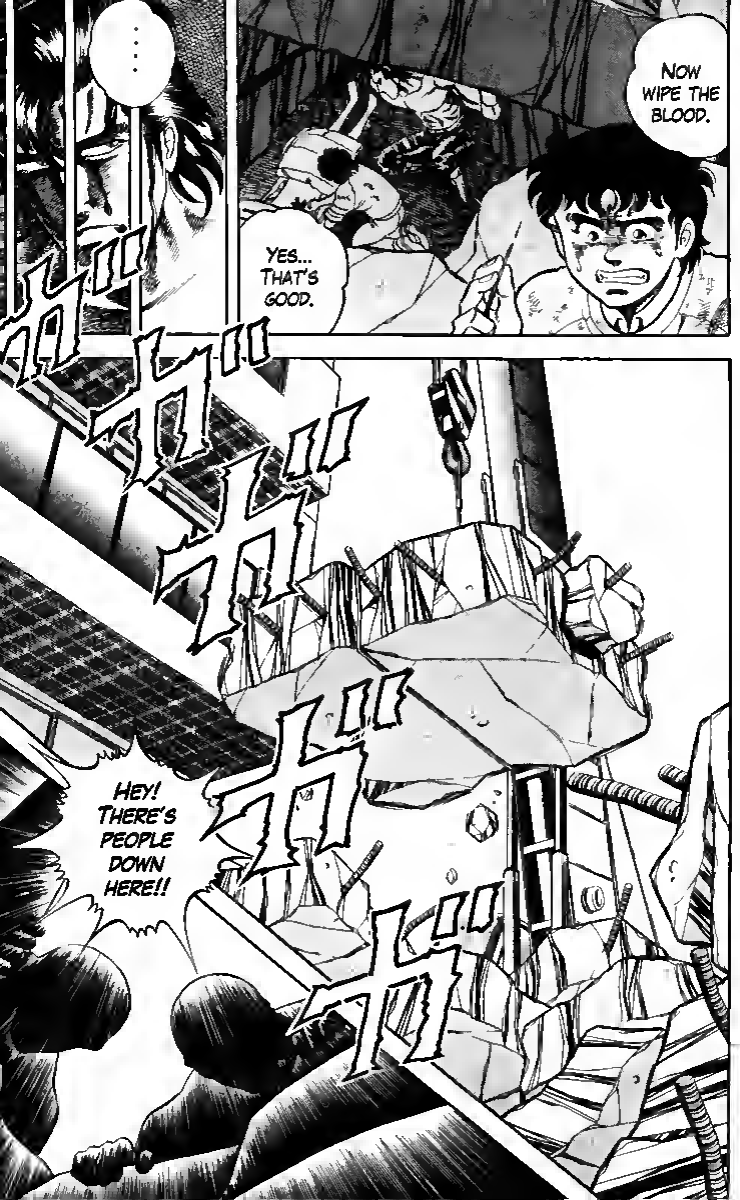
THAT'S A SIGN THAT HER INTESTINAL CELLS ARE UNDERGOING NECROSIS...
Y... YEAH.
THE FRAGMENT MUST BE NEARBY!!
DO YOU SEE WHERE IT'S TURNING WHITE?
TAKE A CLOSE LOOK IN THE WOUND!
LOOK BEHIND THE INTESTINE WHERE IT'S TURNING WHITE!!
I'M GUESSING THAT THE RUBBLE IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE MESENTERY BEHIND HER INTESTINES
F...
FOUND IT!!
!

T... THIS IS IT!
I JUST NEED TO TAKE THIS OUT...
I...I KNOW !!
BE CAREFUL! IF YOU END UP DAMAGING HER INTESTINES...
THEN SHE'S DONE FOR!!
KCCCH...

I TOOK IT OUT...
I-I-I... I DID IT...
IT'S A SUCCESS!!


ARE CHANGING TO PINK BEFORE MY EYES...
THE PARTS OF THE INTESTINES THAT WERE TURNING WHITE...
HUH!?


WE ALSO NEED TO RECONNECT THE BURST BLOOD VESSEL, BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT HERE
SHE'LL NEED TO UNDERGO SURGERY OFFICIALLY... BUT SINCE WE STOPPED THE BLEEDING WITH THREAD, SHE SHOULD MAKE IT UNTIL THEN.
OKAY!!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE SUTURING!!
EVERYTHING'S FINE. THAT'S A SIGN THAT THE INTESTINAL TISSUE UNDERGOING NECROSIS IS RECOVERING...


NOW WIPE THE BLOOD.
YES... THAT'S GOOD.
HEY! THERE'S PEOPLE DOWN HERE!!

W-WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE!?
I'M FINE! BUT THIS WOMAN IS SEVERELY INJURED!
HEY! ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
BUT SHE NEEDS A BLOOD TRANS-FUSION, STAT!
SHE'S BEEN ADMINISTERED FIRST AID...
I'LL LEAVE HER TO YOU NOW!
SHE'S SUFFERING FROM SEVERE TRAUMA! SHE HAS ARTERIAL BLEEDING, TIED OFF WITH A THREAD!
STILL...
YOU THINK HE WAS SUPPORTING THIS SLAB ALONE...?
NO TELL-ING...
YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP! THANK YOU!!
YOU'RE A DOCTOR!?
ピッ!

I'M GUESSING YOU SAVED A LOT OF MONEY BY CUTTING CORNERS...
BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY THAT BACK SEVERAL TIMES OVER IN COMPENSATION!
ONE MAN DIED.
!!
HOW EVER CAN I THANK YOU...? HEHEHE...
HI, I'M THE OWNER OF THIS BUILDING. I HEAR YOU'VE TAKEN CARE OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS...
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YOU'VE LEARNED A GOOD LESSON TODAY.
T...THANK YOU... VERY MUCH.
UH, MISTER...

NOW STAY BY YOUR MOTHER.
OKAY!
YOU DID THIS SURGERY !?
HUUUUUH!?
YEAH, BUT JUST A LITTLE OF IT...
BESIDES... I ONLY DID WHAT THAT GUY TOLD ME TO DO.
THAT GUY?
HE'S THE GUY THAT HELPED ME GROW UP...

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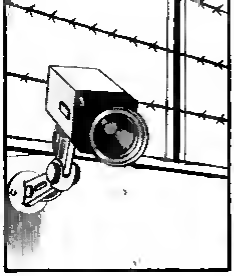
CHART 4: THE MAN WITH THE WANTED HEART, PART 1



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W... WHAT A SHAME ...

YOU HAVE SEVERE CORONARY DISEASE...
PRESIDENT, IT'S YOUR HEART JUST AS YOU THOUGHT...

I WANT... TO LIVE ON...!!
I CANNOT DIE YET...

IT CAN BE TREATED BY A BYPASS WITH AN ARTIFICIAL VESSEL, OR INJECTION OF MEDICINE TO DISLODGE THE BLOOD CLOTS, BUT IN YOUR CASE, THE TISSUE ITSELF IS DETERIORATING...
CORONARY DISEASE IS CAUSED BY AN ARTERY IN YOUR HEART NARROWING OR BEING BLOCKED...
T-THAT WOULD BE TOO RECKLESS! IT'S TOO RISKY TO UNDERGO HEART SURGERY AT YOUR AGE!!
CAN'T THIS BE TREATED WITH SURGERY ...?
THEN THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN KANTO WILL BE IN MY GRASP!!
THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS IN HALF A YEAR... IF I COULD SERVE ONE MORE TERM AS PRESIDENT...
I WISHED MY LIFE WOULD LAST ANOTHER THREE YEARS... NO! EVEN JUST ONE YEAR!!
FOR SHAME!! HOW COULD I ONLY HAVE THREE MONTHS LEFT TO LIVE...!?
AND JONAN UNIVERSITY'S STABILITY WILL BE ENSURED ALL THE MORE...
THAT WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS UNDER OUR INFLUENCE AND PUT EVEN GREATER PRESSURE ON THE NATIONAL DIET...
THEN MY DREAM WILL COME TRUE ...!!
T...THAT'S IT!! IF MY HEART IS REPLACED WITH A YOUNGER ONE...
TRANS-PLANT ...!?
IS A HEART TRANS-PLANT ...!!
THE ONLY WAY WE CAN SAVE YOU...

JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO...
SO DO WHAT YOU MUST!

BUT...
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO SURGEON IN JAPAN WHO CAN PERFORM A SURGERY ON YOU WITHOUT CAUSING SIGNIFICANT STRAIN ON YOUR BODY...

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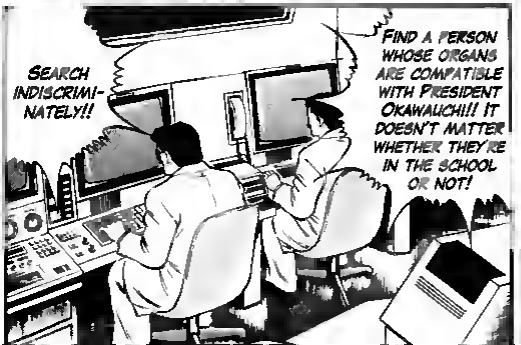
NOT TO MENTION THAT WE CAN'T EXACTLY PERFORM A HEART TRANSPLANT HERE IN JAPAN...

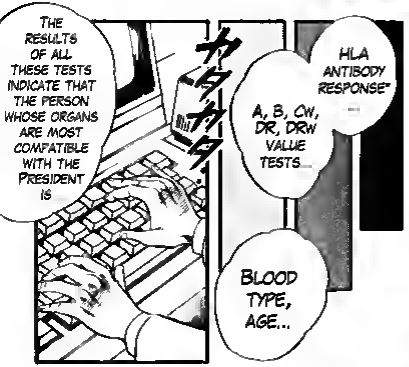
HAVE COME UP WITH A PLAN.
PRESIDENT!!

WELL DONE, HASHIZUME.
OHHH...


SEARCH INDISCRIMINATELY!!
FIND A PERSON WHOSE ORGANS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI!! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THEY'RE IN THE SCHOOL OR NOT!

WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY ORDER!!

THERE IS NO SURGEON IN ALL OF JAPAN SKILLED ENOUGH TO NOT CAUSE STRAIN ON HIM.
BUT.. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE PRESIDENT IS OLD!


THE RESULTS OF ALL THESE TESTS INDICATE THAT THE PERSON WHOSE ORGANS ARE MOST COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRESIDENT IS
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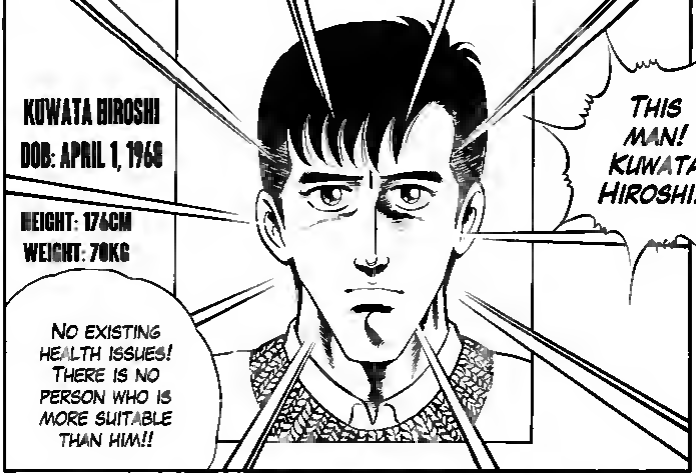
HLA ANTIBODY RESPONSE*
A, B, CW, DR, DRW VALUE TESTS...
BLOOD TYPE, AGE...

THE LEGENDARY PRODIGIOUS SURGEON KNOWN AS A PROFESSIONAL ORGAN TRANS-PLANTER..?
YOU DON'T MEAN HIM...?
WE WILL HAVE THAT MAN LEAD THIS OPERATION !!

*HUMAN LEUKOCYTE ANTIGEN ANTIBODY RESPONSE: THE MOST CRUCIAL TEST WHEN STUDYING FOR ORGAN COMPATIBILITY


KUWATA HIROSHI
DOB: APRIL 1, 1968
HEIGHT: 176CM
WEIGHT: 70KG
THIS MAN! KUWATA HIROSHI!!
NO EXISTING HEALTH ISSUES! THERE IS NO PERSON WHO IS MORE SUITABLE THAN HIM!!

HAVE THE SURGERY PREPARED!
WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON TIME. WE'RE MOVING STRAIGHT INTO ACTION!

WE HAVE VISUAL ON KUWATA HIROSHI. EXECUTING THE PLAN NOW.
ICHIGEKI KEN SURE IS GREAT.
SIGN. MAGAZINE

!!
ARRANGE AN AMBULANCE RIGHT AWAY!
WAA-AUGH...

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T-THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT!!
IT'S A HIT-AND-RUN!!

GRIN

LET'S MOVE YOU TO OUR AFFILIATED HOSPITAL AND GET YOU READY FOR SURGERY!
HE'S A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD MAN, WITH NO COMPATIBILITY ISSUES!

WE'VE FOUND A HEART DONOR!!
PRESIDENT! GOOD NEWS!

YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO WORK QUICKLY
HEHEHEHE IMPRESSIVE, TAKATSUME.

AND THAT YOUNG KUWATA WILL LIVE ON AS MY HEART... I AM SURE HE WOULD BE HAPPY!!
BUT... NOW MY REIGN WILL CONTINUE!

WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
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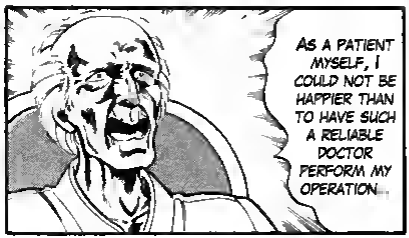
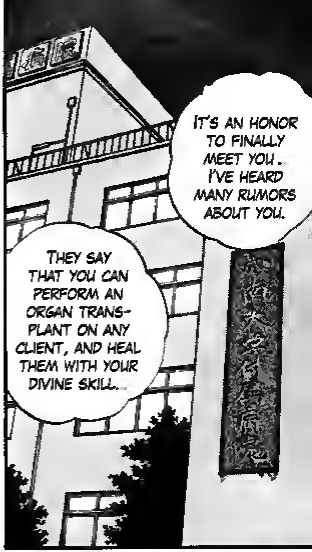
RIGHT...


AS A PATIENT MYSELF, I COULD NOT BE HAPPIER THAN TO HAVE SUCH A RELIABLE DOCTOR PERFORM MY OPERATION...


IT'S AN HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU. I'VE HEARD MANY RUMORS ABOUT YOU.
THEY SAY THAT YOU CAN PERFORM AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT ON ANY CLIENT, AND HEAL THEM WITH YOUR DIVINE SKILL...

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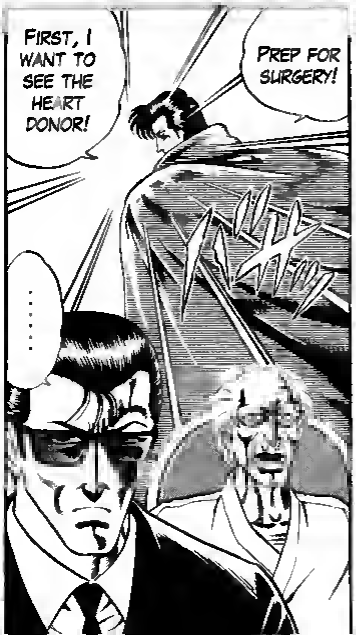
PLEASE... SAVE THIS POOR OLD MAN'S LIFE...


FIRST, I WANT TO SEE THE HEART DONOR!
PREP FOR SURGERY!
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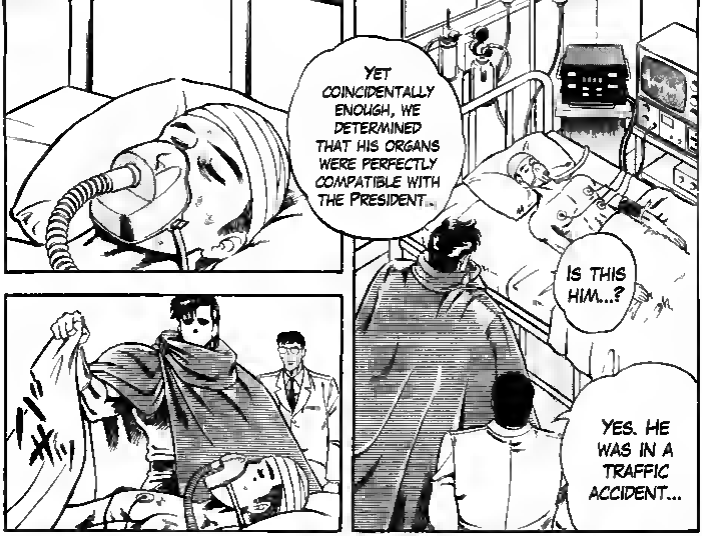
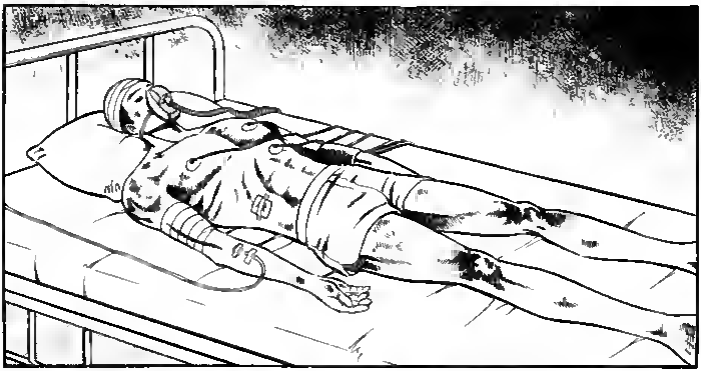
THEN STAY BY MY SIDE AS MY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN...

YOU'D BETTER NOT TALK, FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.

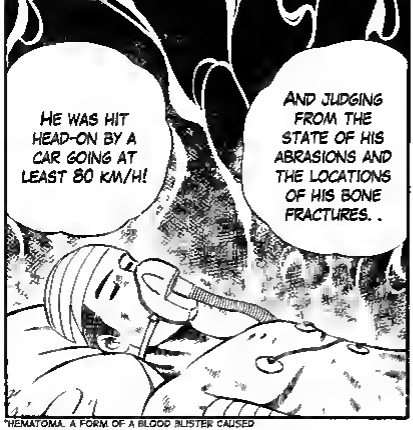

YET COINCIDENTALLY ENOUGH, WE DETERMINED THAT HIS ORGANS WERE PERFECTLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRESIDENT.
IS THIS HIM...?
YES. HE WAS IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT...



TELL ME ABOUT THIS ACCIDENT.

HEH..
SLAMMED ON THE BRAKES..?
HE SLAMMED ON THE BRAKES, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE..
ACCORDING TO THE DRIVER WHO TURNED HIMSELF IN, HE SUDDENLY STAGGERED INTO THE ROADWAY
HE JUMPED INTO TRAFFIC.
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?
HUH ...!?
THIS WAS NO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT!
EVEN I CAN DETERMINE IF THIS WAS ACCIDENTAL OR NOT!
THAT WAS QUITE A POOR ACT.
WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN THEM?
THE BRUISES ON HIS KNEES!!
WHAT IS YOUR BASIS FOR SUSPICION !?
THEN ...!!

IT'S A VERY DISTINCTIVE KIND OF INJURY SUSTAINED IN A CAR ACCIDENT!
THE HEIGHT OF THE BRUISES PERFECTLY COINCIDES WITH THE POSITION OF THE BUMPER ON AN AVERAGE AUTOMOBILE!!
THE BUMPER?
THOSE WERE FROM THE BUMPER!!
OH, THOSE...? HAHAHA HAHA!
NOW LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING.
AL-RIGHT...
IF THIS WASN'T A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, THEN WHAT WAS IT?
BUT THIS MAN'S BRUISES ARE ON HIS KNEES,
MEANING THAT HE WAS HIT BY A CAR THAT WAS NOT BRAKING!!
AND IT DROPS MORE THAN YOU'D IMAGINE... ABOUT 20CM.
WHEN A CAR SLAMS ON THE BRAKES, THE FRONT OF THE CAR DROPS DOWNWARDS.
THAT MEANS THE BRUISES FROM THE BUMPER WOULD BE ON HIS SHINS!!


HE WAS HIT HEAD-ON BY A CAR GOING AT LEAST 80 KM/H!
AND JUDGING FROM THE STATE OF HIS ABRASIONS AND THE LOCATIONS OF HIS BONE FRACTURES. .
THAT MAN WHO TURNED HIMSELF IN... SEEMS SUSPICIOUS.
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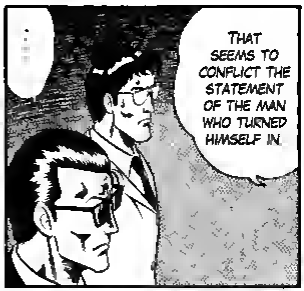
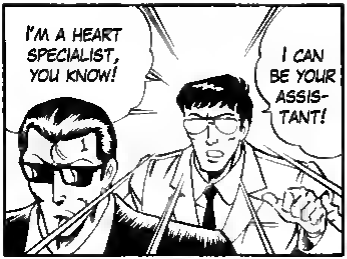
*HEMATOMA. A FORM OF A BLOOD BLISTER CAUSED BY BRUISING, WHICH CAN DAMAGE CAPILLARIES



YOU
TARGETED THIS MAN.
IT'S AS IF YOU DIDN'T WANT THIS MAN TO BE RESUSCITATED.
YOU HAVEN'T SUFFICIENTLY PROVIDED TREATMENT FOR HIS BRAIN, OR HIS VARIOUS FRACTURES.
HOW CURIOUS.
YOU SAY HE HAS ORGANS...
THAT CLEARED THE HLA ANTI-BODY REACTION TEST AND ALL OTHER ORGAN TRANSPLANT COMPATIBILITY TESTS?
THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE A COINCIDENCE!

THIS YOUNG MAN'S CONDITION IS NONE OF YOUR CONCERN.
I THINK YOU'RE NOT GETTING THE PICTURE HERE.
WE ONLY NEED YOUR COOPERATION!
I'VE PREPARED A THIRTY MILLION YEN REWARD FOR YOU.
BRIBERY, HUH?
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO TRANSPLANT THIS MAN'S HEART INTO PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT!
?
I HAVE ONE CONDITION.
I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS AS WELL.
NOW YOU'RE THREATENING ME?



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NO!!
R-R... REALLY ...?
OF COURSE NOT! I...I'D BE HONORED ...
I'LL DO IT!!
I COULDN'T FORGET IT EVEN IF I TRIED!!
OF COURSE I REMEMBER YOU! YOU PERFORMED THAT MIRACULOUS SURGERY...
YOU WANT ME...? TO BE YOUR OPERATING ASSISTANT ...?
HUH?
AN INSULATOR? RUBBER SHEETS WILL WORK? 1 SQUARE CM?
AND A WIRE...?
HUH?
I HAVE SOME THINGS I WANT YOU TO HAVE READY FOR ME...
?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU...
SURE... BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THEM?
UH...

THOSE BASTARDS ARE EVEN LOWER THAN BEASTS!!
THEY TARGETED THIS MAN FOR HIS HEART...
SO THEY WOULD GIVE UP THEIR OWN SOUL TO EXTEND THEIR LIVES!!
HM...
YES! I HAVE IT WITH ME!
DID YOU GET IT READY?
W... WHAT'S WITH THE MOOD...?
UHH... HELLO...
H...H... HEART !?
THIS OPERATION WILL BE A HEART TRANSPLANT.

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HEHHEH HEHHEH! SOON I WILL ATTAIN MY SECOND LIFE!!
IN OPERATION
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CHAPTER 4

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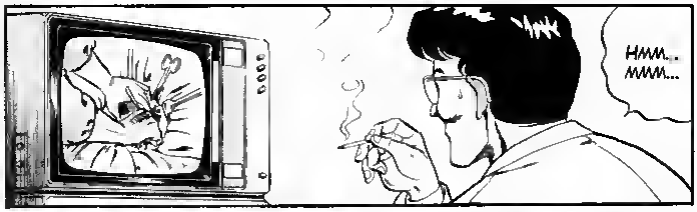
SUPER DOCTOR
CHART 5:
THE MAN WITH THE WANTED HEART, PART 2

ALRIGHT... STERNUM RETRACTOR!

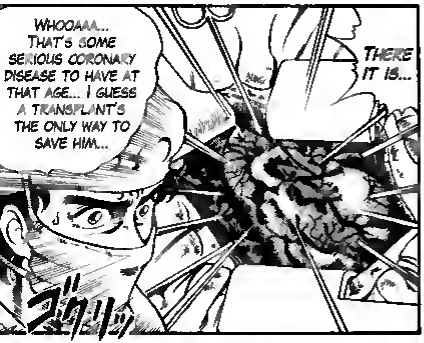

HMM... MMM...

THIS BOTHERS ME...

HIS SKILL WITH THE SCALPEL IS JUST AS UNBELIEVABLE AS THE RUMORS SAY...
INCREDIBLE...

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
BUT... WHY ISN'T HE LETTING YOU, THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, INTO THE OPERATING ROOM?

HERE.
FORCEPS.


WHOOAAA... THAT'S SOME SERIOUS CORONARY DISEASE TO HAVE AT THAT AGE... I GUESS A TRANSPLANT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE HIM...
THERE IT IS...
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BUT WILL HE REALLY DO IT...?

O-OKAY!
ALRIGHT.. LET'S OPEN IT UP!

HERE?

HUH?
TAKA-SHINA! STAND RIGHT THERE!

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HE'S BLOCKING THE MONITOR...
?
AT LEAST WE STILL HAVE THE SECONDARY MONITOR...
W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ASSISTANT'S PROBLEM!? HE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE MONITOR!
GIVE ME SOME LIGHT FROM BEHIND ME!
NOT THE SECONDARY MONITOR...!!
HERE!

THAT DOCTOR MUST BE PLANNING SOME-THING..
SOME-THING'S UP..
WE WON'T EVEN SEE WHEN THEY'LL SWITCH TO EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION!
NOW WE CAN'T EVEN SEE THE INCISIONS!
A AMA-ZING..
HE'S REALLY NOT A NORMAL GUY!
HE'S PER-FORMING HEART SURGERY ON SUCH AN OLD MAN..
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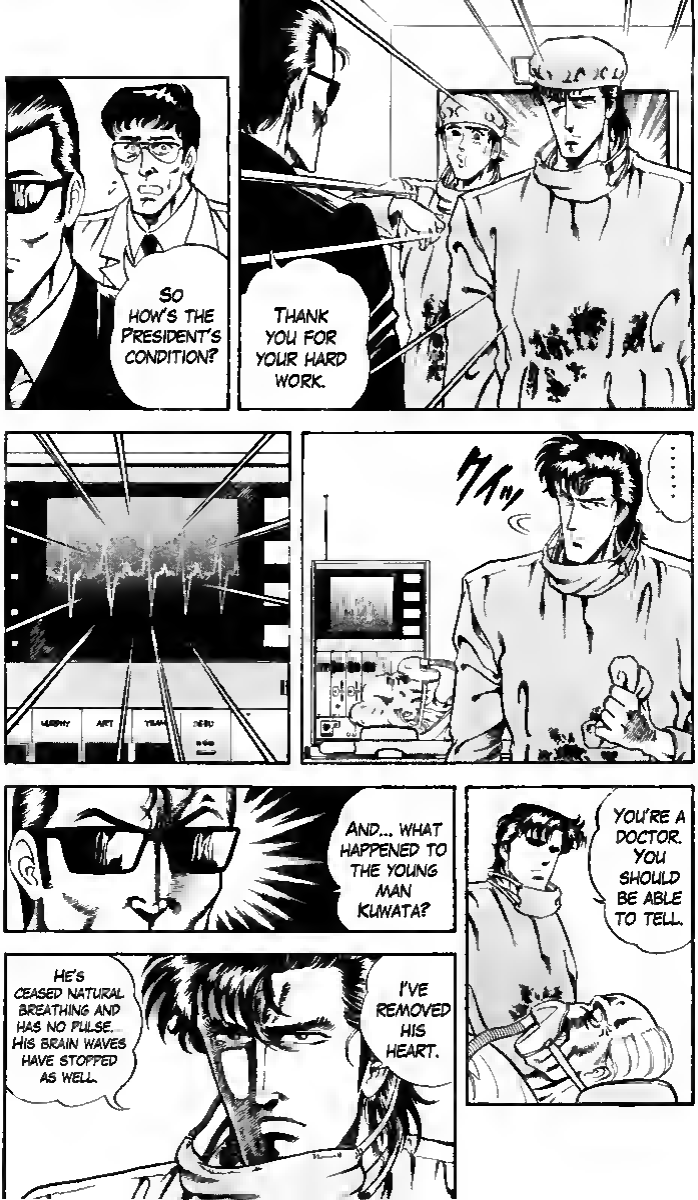
So how's the President's condition?
Thank you for your hard work.
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And... what happened to the young man Kuwata?
You're a doctor. You should be able to tell.
He's ceased natural breathing and has no pulse. His brain waves have stopped as well.
I've removed his heart.

PARDON ME!
HE'S JUST A CADAVER NOW
HMM... HIS ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH AND ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPH HAVE BOTH STOPPED
BEEEEEEEP!
I WAS OVERTHINKING IT...
HEHEHE... I SUPPOSE...
GRIN
I WAS RIGHT TO HAVE CHOSEN YOU! HERE'S THE THIRTY MILLION YEN WE PROMISED YOU!
I'D LIKE TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE CADAVER, IF YOU DON'T MIND...
WE HAVE NO USE FOR KUWATA ANYMORE. YOU'RE REE TO TAKE HIM, IF YOU WISH
JUST REMEMBER!
DON'T LET THIS GO PUBLIC...
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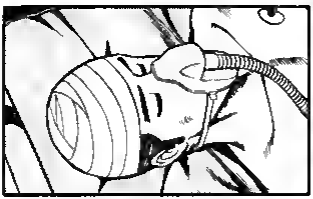

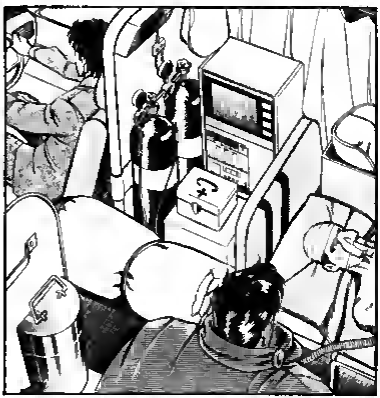

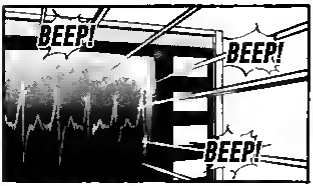

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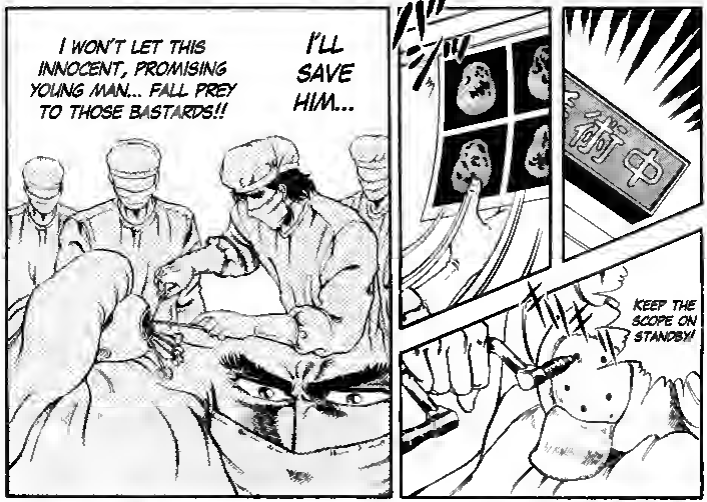
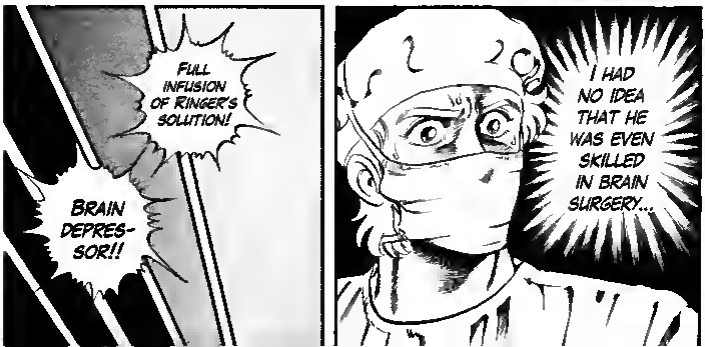
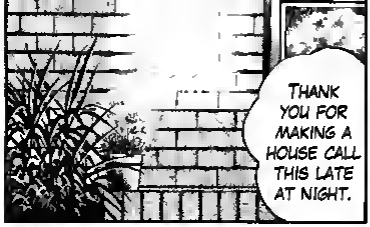
LET'S START WITH REMOVING THE INTRA-CEREBRAL HEMA-TOMA!
HE STILL HAS A BRAINWAVE, HOWEVER FAINT IT MAY BE!
WHICH MEANS THERE'S STILL A CHANCE WE CAN SAVE HIM!!

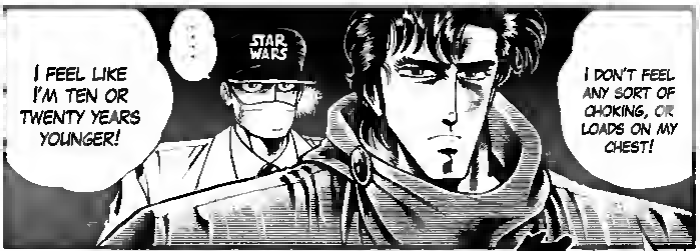

I'LL SAVE HIM...
I WON'T LET THIS INNOCENT, PROMISING YOUNG MAN... FALL PREY TO THOSE BASTARDS!!
KEEP THE SCOPE ON STANDBY!


I HAD NO IDEA THAT HE WAS EVEN SKILLED IN BRAIN SURGERY...
FULL INFUSION OF RINGER'S SOLUTION!
BRAIN DEPRES-SOR!!


THANK YOU FOR MAKING A HOUSE CALL THIS LATE AT NIGHT.

THREE MONTHS LATER...

MY POST-SURGERY PROGRESS HAS BEEN QUITE GOOD!
I MUST SAY, YOUR SURGICAL SKILLS WERE TRULY ASTOUNDING!


I FEEL LIKE I'M TEN OR TWENTY YEARS YOUNGER!
I DON'T FEEL ANY SORT OF CHOKING, OR LOADS ON MY CHEST!

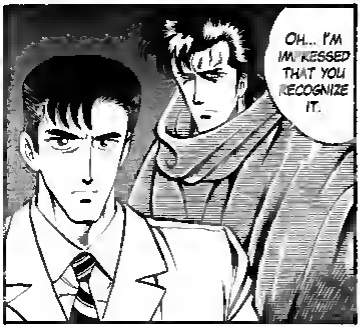
LET'S CHECK THE INCISIONS.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT THIS WILL BE MY LAST HOUSE CALL TO YOU.

I DO HAVE A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD HEART IN ME, AFTER ALL!

OKAY...

NOW I CAN FINALLY RETURN TO WORK...
GEHE HEHE HE...
OKAWAUCHI IS BACK IN ACTION!
HIS HEART IS WORKING LIKE IT SHOULD.
NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE... TO YOUR ASSISTANT, AS WELL!
YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME THESE PAST THREE MONTHS.
STAR WARS
I SEE...
SO, YOU'RE THAT EAGER TO SEE...
YOU ARE VERY FORTUNATE JUST TO HEAR MY VOICE DIRECTLY IN YOUR EARS! NHAHAHAHAHA!
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'VE ALWAYS WORN A MASK..
I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE YOUR FACE!!
AND GIVEN THAT TODAY'S YOUR FINAL HOUSE CALL..

MY FACE!!


OH... I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU RECOGNIZE IT.

BUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD...!?
YOU'RE KUWATA ...

GYAAAA AAAAAAA HHHH...

YOUR HEART...
IS INSIDE ME!!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE... YOU CAN'T BE ALIVE...
IS STILL BEAT-ING...
MY HEART...
WAWAH... STAY BACK...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AHH ...?
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SEE?
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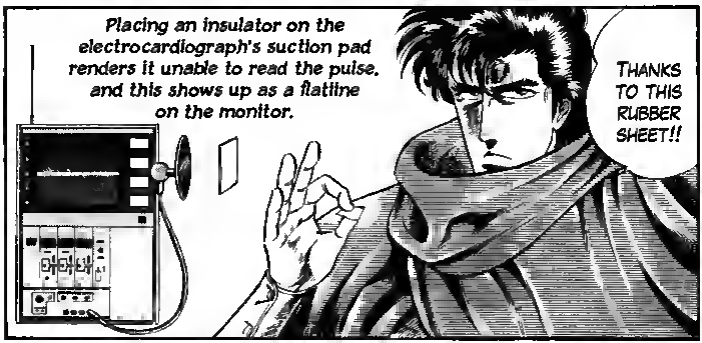
KC-WAH...
KCCE-HHH...
KCH...
KC-WEH...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, PRESIDENT!?
W... WHAT THE...!?
W... WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU DONE TO...
YOU'RE ...
!!
H...HE'S DEAD...!?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD...
KUWATA HIROSHI!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
YOUR ELECTRO-CARDIO-GRAPH WAS FLATLINING AFTER THE TRANS-PLANT...


Placing an insulator on the electrocardiograph's suction pad renders it unable to read the pulse, and this shows up as a flatline on the monitor.
THANKS TO THIS RUBBER SHEET!!

THAT'S WHY YOU DESIGNA-TED YOUR OWN ASSIS-TANT...
YOU WERE PLAYING A TRICK ...?
I NEVER REMOVED KUWATA'S HEART TO BEGIN WITH!!

NEVER BEEN SO ANGRY IN MY LIFE...
I... I'VE...
YET YOU NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION OF DOING THE HEART TRANSPLANT IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
YOU TOOK THIRTY MILLION YEN FROM US,
THAT'LL ONLY BRING THE FACT THAT YOU TARGETED KUWATA TO LIGHT.
THEN SUE ME.
I'LL KILL YOU!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...!?
HUH ...?
I'M...

A DOCTOR!!
SHIIIIIII IIIIIIII ...
A DOCTOR WHO HEALS HUMANS!

ARE OUTSIDE MY FIELD!!
YOU ANIMALS THAT SURVIVE OFF THE BLOOD OF OTHERS...
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERY-THING...
K...
T... THANK YOU...
HERE'S THIRTY MILLION YEN. IT MAY BE DIRTY MONEY, BUT IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO GET YOUR LIFE BACK IN ORDER

CAUSE OF DEATH... WAS SHOCK.
SO PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI, THE SO-CALLED GOBLIN OF ACADEMIA, IS FINALLY DEAD...
AHHHH... I SEE NOW...
AUTOPSY ROOM
THAT WAS ALREADY COMPLETELY HEALED.
CORONARY DISEASE?
BUT WHAT ABOUT HIS CORONARY DISEASE?
SHOCK?
Y... YOU'RE RIGHT...
THERE'S A BYPASS OVER THE CONTRACTED ARTERY...!!
IT WAS TOO SERIOUS FOR ANY-THING BUT A TRANS-PLANT TO...
BUT THAT'S NOT POSSI-BLE!
SEE FOR YOURSELF. I DON'T KNOW WHO OPERATED ON HIM, BUT HE'S BEEN PERFECTLY TREATED

YET HE DIED OF A SHOCK COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO IT. PRESIDENT...
HIS HEART WAS HEALED,
K ENDED UP HEALING BOTH KUWATA AND THE PRESIDENT...
WE THOUGHT THAT GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S SYMPTOMS, A TRANSPLANT WAS THE ONLY WAY HE COULD BE HEALED.
YET HE OPERATED ON THE HEART WHILE IT WAS STILL MOVING, WITHOUT TRANSPLANTING...
TAKE A LOOK AT HIS ANGUISHED EXPRESSION. HIS HAIR EVEN CAME OUT.
HE WAS RADICALLY CURED FROM A SUPPOSEDLY INCURABLE HEART DISEASE BY A MIRACULOUS SURGERY, THEN DIED OF SHOCK..
I HAVE TO SAY, THIS WAS NOTHING LESS THAN BAD LUCK.
YEAH... IT'S LIKE HE SAW A GHOST.
HE MUST'VE BEEN FAIRLY FRIGHTENED.

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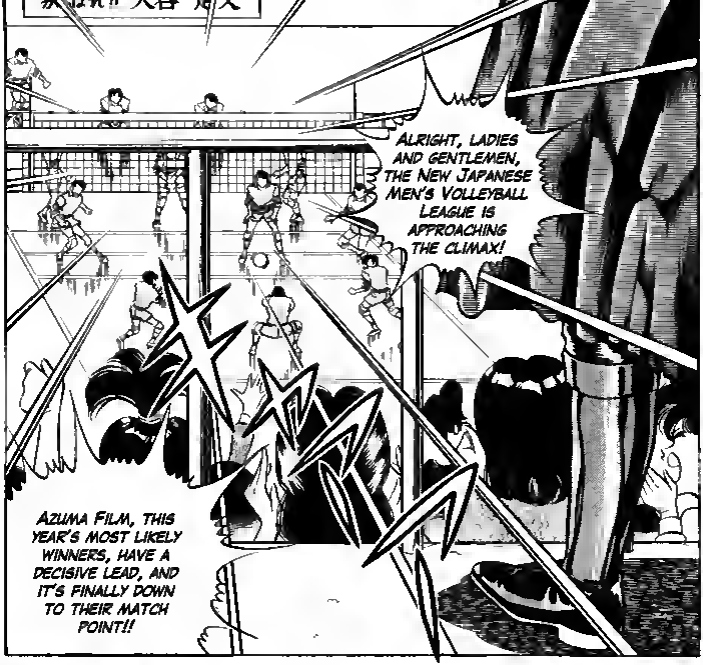
CHAPTER 5


ALRIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE NEW JAPANESE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE IS APPROACHING THE CLIMAX!
AZUMA FILM, THIS YEAR'S MOST LIKELY WINNERS, HAVE A DECISIVE LEAD, AND IT'S FINALLY DOWN TO THEIR MATCH POINT!!

I..IT'S OTANI.. HERE IT COMES! BLOCK IT!!
AHHHH HHHHH HHH!!

CHART 6: A RIGHT ARM WITH THE OLYMPICS AT STAKE

IT'S IN!! GAME, SET, AND MATCH! AZUMA FILM ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!
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AND OF COURSE, THE LAST SPIKE WAS DELIVERED BY THE ACE, OTANI!!!
HE'S THE BEST AND MOST POPULAR PLAYER, OTANI SADAHISA!!
AS LONG AS WE HAVE HIM, WE CAN EVEN EARN A MEDAL IN THE OLYMPICS!!
OTANI SADAHISA, THE ACE ATTACKER THAT JAPAN WILL SOON SHOW OFF TO THE WORLD!!
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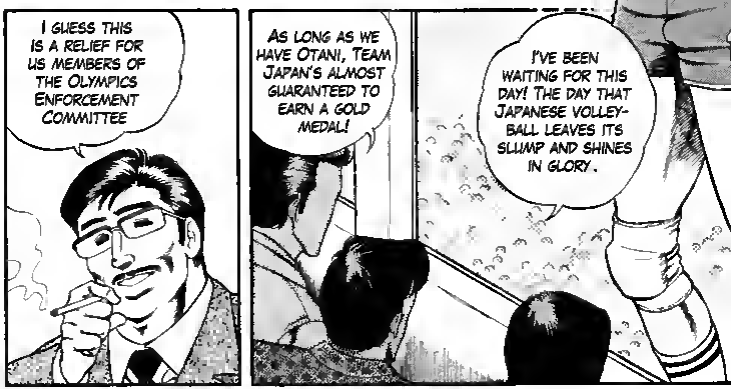
OTANI...
LET ME TOUCH YOU!!
AHHHH...
THANKS FOR CHEERING ME ON!!


I GUESS THIS IS A RELIEF FOR US MEMBERS OF THE OLYMPICS ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
AS LONG AS WE HAVE OTANI, TEAM JAPAN'S ALMOST GUARANTEED TO EARN A GOLD MEDAL!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY! THE DAY THAT JAPANESE VOLLEY-BALL LEAVES ITS SLUMP AND SHINES IN GLORY.

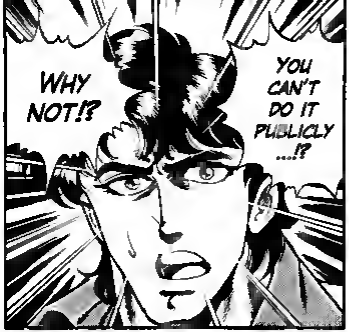
!
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH!? SHAKE MY HAND, TOO!!

IS THAT ...!?
ARE YOU...?
HEY...! YOU WITH THE CAPE... YEAH, YOU...
WE'LL DO AUTOGRAPHS LATER!
HOLD ON!!
.....
HUU UUUU UUUH !?
I KNEW IT...

YOU'RE KAZUYA !!

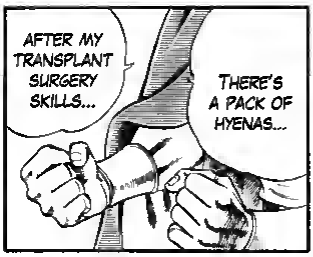
WE CAN TALK IN PEACE AND QUIET HERE,
WITHOUT THOSE GIRLS OUTSIDE BOTHERING US.
LONG TIME NO SEE!! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE WE GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY!!
THEY'RE BOTH HERE!
STILL

AREN'T WE FRIENDS!?
COME ON, YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING OUT TO THE GAME!
I'M SO GLAD YOU DROPPED BY!
YOU IN ALL YOUR GLORY...
I FELT LIKE I SHOULD SEE...
STILL... I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, THE WAY YOU VANISHED LIKE YOU DID... WITHOUT EVEN SAYING A WORD TO ME!
AT LEAST TELL ME WHAT HOSPITAL YOU'RE EMPLOYED AT!
SO... WHERE ARE YOU LIVING NOW?
YOU'RE STILL A DOCTOR, AREN'T YOU?
OH .. I'M SORRY FOR BRINGING IT UP..
DEAD? HIS DAD...?
IS YOUR DAD DOING WELL? I REMEMBER HE WAS PRETTY STRICT..
NO... HE'S DEAD...


WHY NOT!?
YOU CAN'T DO IT PUBLICLY ...!?

AND NOW I CAN'T PRACTICE MEDICINE PUBLICLY...
WELL, A LOT HAPPENED ...

BECAUSE THEY'LL COME AFTER ME.


AFTER MY TRANSPLANT SURGERY SKILLS...
THERE'S A PACK OF HYENAS...

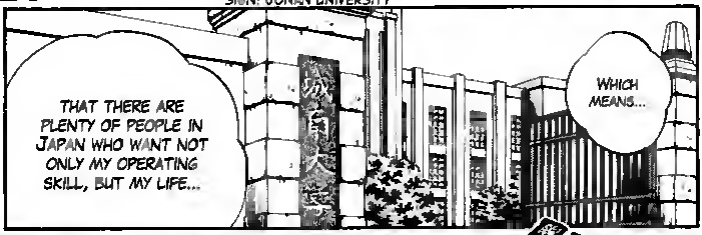
EVEN BACK IN SCHOOL, YOU WERE RECOGNIZED AS A GENIUS, BUT NOW YOU CAN'T PRACTICE PUBLICLY... WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON!?
COME AFTER YOU!?

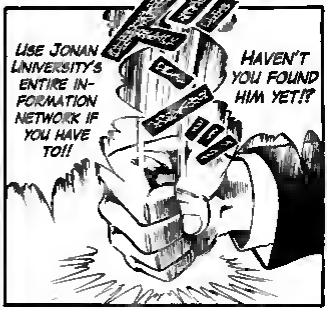
HYENAS ?

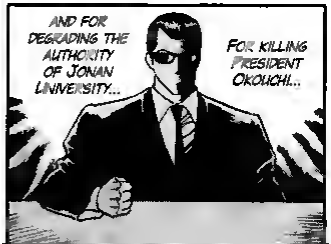
AND TRY TO APPROPRIATE THEM TO REJUVENATE THEIR OWN BODIES.
THEY SET THEIR SIGHTS ON THE ORGANS OF INNOCENT YOUNGSTERS...
BY THAT I MEAN AUTHORITIES.

COME TO THINK OF IT... PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI OF JONAN UNIVERSITY JUST DIED... AND I HEARD RUMORS THAT HE EITHER DID OR DIDN'T GET A HEART TRANS-PLANT...
WAS THAT YOU!?
OKAWAUCHI DIED, IN SPITE OF THE SURGERY'S RESULTS.
I'LL BET ALL THE CRONIES IN JONAN UNIVERSITY'S AFFILIATES ARE SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR ME.

SIGN: JONAN UNIVERSITY







HEH...
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A MAN WHO'S DEALT WITH HIS OWN PROBLEMS.
I WON'T ASK ANY MORE...
...ALRIGHT,
SO I GUESS WE WON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER NEXT.
MEANWHILE, I'M AT THE CENTER OF ATTENTION.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO STAY IN ONE SPOT, RIGHT?
TAKE CARE, KAZUYA!!
BEST OF LUCK IN THE OLYMPICS.
I'LL FIX YOU UP.
CALL ME IF YOU'RE EVER INJURED
I'LL NEVER NEED YOUR SERVICES IN MY LIFE!
DON'T BE STUPID! I'M THE LAST MAN ON EARTH WHO'D NEED A DOCTOR!!

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE JONAN UNIVERSITY. THEY'RE FINANCIALLY BACKED BY THE JONAN MAGNATE... AND THEY'RE A GROUP THAT WON'T REST UNTIL EVERYTHING IS EXACTLY THE WAY THEY WANT IT. THEY HAVE COUNTLESS INFORMATION NETWORKS.
KAZUYA...

I HOPE YOU'LL WATCH ME... NO MATTER FROM HOW FAR AWAY...!!
KAZUYA!!
I'M GOING TO ENTER THE OLYMPICS.
AND WHEN I DO, I'LL BE ON TV AND IN NEWSPAPERS.

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
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?
THERE'S A KID ON THE TRACKS...
HE MUST'VE SLIPPED AND FELL OFF THAT BANK..!!
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THE TRAIN'S COMING...!!
WAKE UP!!
TAKU-MIIIIIII!!
!

W...WHAT!? HOW CAN HE JUMP SO HIGH...!?
!?
THAT'S... OTANI THE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER ...!!
WAKE UP, KID!
IT'S HOPE-LESS... HE'S NOT GONNA MAKE IT...!!
KCH...

WHOA ...!!
EEEK..
JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME... WELL, HE'S A SPORTS PLAYER, AL...
A-AL-RIGHT!
GUOO-UGH...

BEYOND HOPE OF ENTERING OLYMPICS!!
OTANI SADAHISA'S RIGHT ARM AMPUTATED!!
WAAAA AAAAAA ALIGH...
OTANI'S TRAGEDY!!!
HIS ATHLETE'S LIFE WAS CUT FAR TOO SHORT!!

SIGN OLYMPIC ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
RIGHT ARM WAS AMPUTATED !?
五輪強化委員
OTANI'S...

WE CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN WITHOUT OTANI... SO MUCH FOR OUR PLAN TO WIN MEDALS!!
DOES HE EVEN REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF EARNING A MEDAL FOR OUR COUNTRY!?
H-HOW COULD HE DO ANY-THING SO RASH!?
LIFE-SAVING? HAH... HE JUST HAD TO SHOW OFF...

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS !!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, PROFESSOR? CAN YOU REATTACH HIS ARM?
HIS ARM WASN'T SO MUCH AMPUTATED... AS IT WAS RIPPED OFF!!
SIGN: JONAN UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED HOSPITAL
WHEN A TENDON'S BEEN CUT, THE CHANCES OF IT HEALING DO GO UP IF THE MUSCLES AND NERVES ARE CLEAN-CUT...
BUT THIS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION...
ACCIDENT IT MAY HAVE BEEN, IT WAS ALMOST A MIRACLE THAT WE EVEN RECOVERED THE SEVERED LIMB.
THERE ARE TREATMENT METHODS FOR THIS, DEPENDING ON HOW IT'S AMPUTATED BUT EVEN IF WE DO REATTACH THIS, IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD!
THE SURFACE IS CUT SO HORRIBLY WE CAN'T EVEN DETERMINE WHICH TENDON IS WHICH...
SOME TENDONS WERE TORN OFF, WHILE OTHERS WERE CRUSHED!

4. TENDON THAT VOLARFLEXES* THE WRIST
5. TENDON THAT FLEXES THE FINGERS

TENDON 5, CALLED THE FLEXOR MUSCLE, IS DIVIDED BETWEEN THE *FLEXOR DIGITORUM SUPERFICIALIS* AND THE *FLEXOR DIGITORUM PROFUNDUS*. BASED ON THE MUSCULAR LAYERS, THEY CAUSE DIFFERENT JOINTS TO BEND. THIS MEANS THAT UNLIKE THE EXTENSOR MUSCLE, REATTACHMENT BECOMES DIFFICULT.

1. TENDON THAT DORSIFLEXES* THE WRIST
2. TENDON THAT DORSIFLEXES THE THUMB
3. TENDON THAT EXTENDS FINGERS AND WRIST

TENDON 3, CALLED THE EXTENSOR MUSCLE, HAS A STRUCTURE THAT IS SIMPLE TO A DEGREE, ALLOWING FOR RELATIVELY EASIER REATTACHMENT.

*DORSIFLEXION: FLEXING THE FINGERS TOWARDS THE BACK / *VOLARFLEXION: FLEXING THE FINGERS TOWARDS THE PALM

HEHEHE... I GUESS THAT'S THE END OF MY VOLLEYBALL LIFE...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
UNFOR-TUNATELY, NO...
YOU MEAN WE CAN'T WORK WITH THIS SURFACE, PIKO?

URK
!!
?
WHO ARE YOU?
LET ME HANDLE THIS!
A..AM I DREAMING...? WHY WOULD K, THE MAN THAT KILLED PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI... SHOW HIS FACE AT JONAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AGAIN...!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DR. SAKAMAKI?
P... PARDON ME...!!
HE SEEMED LIKE HE WAS TURNING PALE ..
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IS WRONG WITH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SAKAMAKI?
HMPF!!

THEY'RE AFTER YOU, RIGHT...? YOU CAN'T OPERATE ON ME...
HURRY!!
DON'T YOU KNOW THIS IS THE JONAN GROUP'S HOSPITAL? NOW GET THE HELL OUT...!!
WHY... DID YOU COME HERE..!?
W-WAIT.. KAZUYA...
WE SHOULD FORGET ABOUT REATTACHMENT AND MOVE INTO AMPUTATION! WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A POINT TO START REATTACHMENT FROM!!
TAKE A LOOK AT THE SEVERED SURFACE!!
W-WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
OTANI... I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN PLAY VOLLEYBALL AGAIN!
...KAZUYA ...
BELIEVE IN ME!!
I CAN DO IT!

UHHH... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HE'S THERE NOW? HAS HE GONE INSANE, SHOWING HIS FACE AT JONAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL..?
K...!! K'S HERE!
M-MR. HASHIZUME!! I-IT'S ME, SAKAMAKI!!
DON'T WORRY. JUST KEEP HIM THERE!
K CAME BACK TO JONAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL !!
AND YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE TO JUMP RIGHT INTO OUR DEN!
HEHEHEHE... I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU...
K... I'M GONNA BLOW A HOLE THROUGH YOUR BRAIN!!
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU PAY... FOR PRESIDENT OKAWAUCHI AND FOR THIS SCAR ON MY FACE...

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CHAPTER 6

CHART 7: FIGHTING SPIRIT TO RECOVER

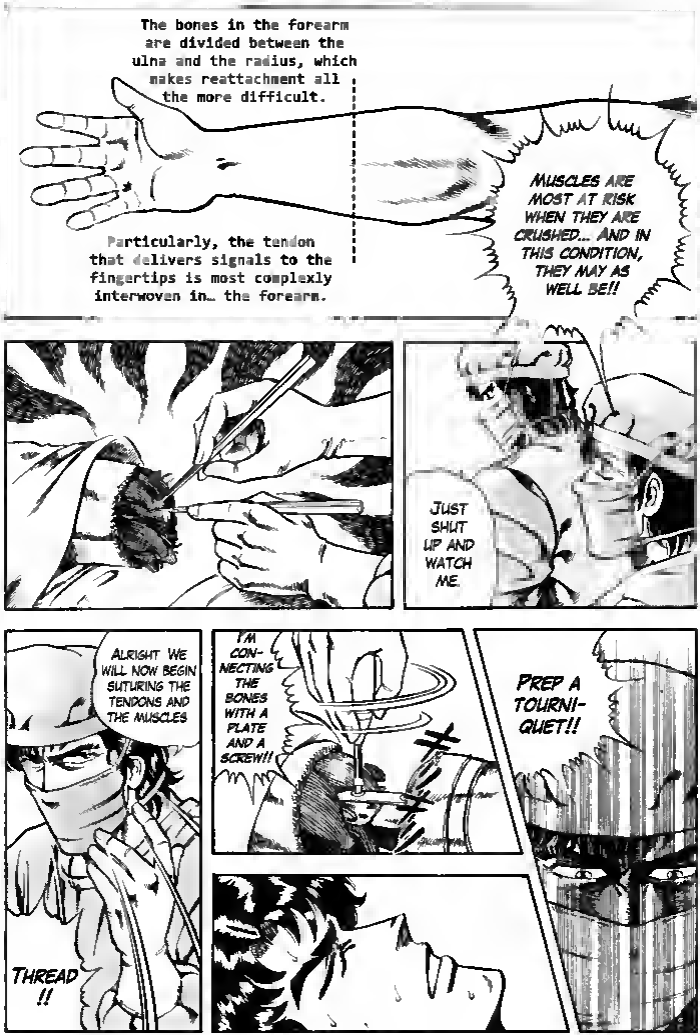
OTANI! I'LL MAKE YOU ABLE TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL AGAIN!
WHAT A FOOL... HE THINKS HE CAN JUST WALTZ BACK IN HERE...!!
K... YOU'D BETTER NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE JONAN GROUP!
EVERYONE, CARRY YOUR GUNS!
GATHER SOME MORE MEN!

WE WILL BE REATTACHING THE RIGHT FOREARM!
PREP A BLOOD TRANSFUSION, JUST IN CASE!!
GIVE ME THE SEVERED LIMB!

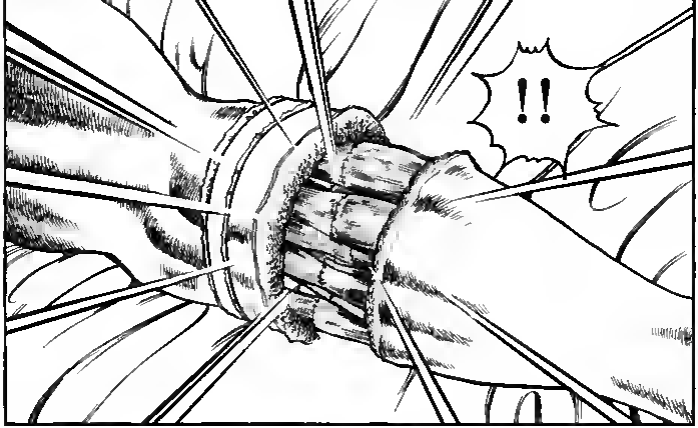
WE WILL REATTACH THE TENDONS, MUSCLES, AND NERVES NECESSARY FOR A VOLLEYBALL PLAYER WITH HIGHEST PRIORITY!
THIS MAN CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT VOLLEYBALL. THEREFORE.

I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD SWITCH TO AMPUTATION.
BUT... THE MORE I LOOK AT IT, THE WORSE IT LOOKS...

HE CAN'T PLAY VOLLEYBALL WITH THAT AGAIN!!
THAT'S EASY TO SAY... BUT YOU CAN'T TELL WHICH TENDON IS WHICH!!


The bones in the forearm are divided between the ulna and the radius, which makes reattachment all the more difficult.
Particularly, the tendon that delivers signals to the fingertips is most complexly interwoven in… the forearm.
MUSCLES ARE MOST AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE CRUSHED… AND IN THIS CONDITION, THEY MAY AS WELL BE!!
JUST SHUT UP AND WATCH ME.
ALRIGHT WE WILL NOW BEGIN SUTURING THE TENDONS AND THE MUSCLES
THREAD !!
I'M CON-NECTING THE BONES WITH A PLATE AND A SCREW!!
PREP A TOURNI-QUET!!

WE WILL BEGIN BY ATTACHING THE FLEXOR DIGITORUM PROFUNDUS!!
THIS IS A CRITICAL MUSCLE THAT FLEXES THE FINGERS TO THEIR TIPS!
NEXT, WE WILL REATTACH THE FLEXOR DIGITORUM SUPERFICIALIS, WHICH FLEXES THE FINGERS TO THE SECOND JOINT!
THIS WILL ALLOW FOR DELICATE FINGER MOVEMENT.
ALRIGHT! NEXT IS THE EXTENSOR POLLICIS LONGUS!
UHHH... YOU CAN ATTACH ALL THE MUSCLES YOU WANT, BUT DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING IF HIS NERVES DON'T REACH THEM?
DON'T WORRY.
I'M SUTURING HIS NERVES AS WELL. BUT EVEN SO, HIS SHOULDER WAS UNHARMED... SO HE CAN STILL MAKE A GOOD SPIKE.
NEXT, THE EXTENSOR CARPI ULNARIS!!
SUTURING BLOOD VESSELS!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ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO SUTURE THE SKIN
W...WELL DONE!! THAT WAS ALMOST A MIRACLE!!

FORGET THE TENDONS MOST NECESSARY FOR VOLLEYBALL... HE ATTACHED THEM ALL!!
I..I CAN HARDLY EVEN TELL WHERE HE SUTURED THEM...
カーン!!

THAT WAS A MEDICALLY PERFECT SUTURING!!

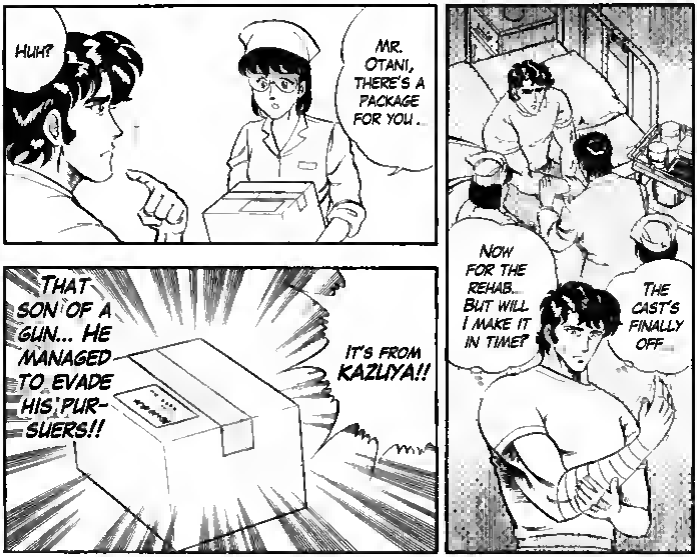
BLOCK OFF ALL THE EXITS TO THE HOSPITAL!
DON'T LET K TAKE A SINGLE STEP OUTSIDE!!
HOAKU
I'LL FINISH THE JOB!!
CONTACT ME IF YOU CORNER HIM!
CHECK YOUR BULLETS! YOU DON'T WANT TO UNDERESTIMATE HIM!!
HE'S... NOT HERE ANYMORE..
OHHH, SAKAMAKI! IT'S ME!!
WHERE'S K!?
WASN'T HE JUST HERE, REATTACHING THAT VOLLEY-BALL PLAYER OTANI'S AMPUTATED ARM!?
NOT HERE!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?

HE CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE REATTACHED AN AMPUTATED LIMB IN JUST TWO HOURS..
NO... I FORGOT... ABOUT HIS DIVINE SKILL WITH THE SCALPEL...!!
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES..
IT WAS A PERFECT OPERATION...
K!!
KCH...
WELL... AT LEAST THE SURGERY WENT WELL...

I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT OUR PLAN TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN MEN'S VOLLEYBALL RESTED ON YOU!!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, LETTING YOURSELF GET HIT BY A TRAIN!?
W...WHO WOULD SAY THAT...!?
YOU'RE FREE TO SAVE LIVES IF YOU WANT, BUT DID YOU HAVE TO GO THAT FAR?
.....
ACCORDING TO WITNESSES, IT WASN'T EVEN THAT DANGEROUS OF A SITUATION!!
DO YOU REALIZE JUST HOW HIGH THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE JAPANESE PUBLIC WERE OF YOU?
THEY EXPECTED A GOLD MEDAL!!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!
WITH THAT ARM, YOU'D HAVE TO SETTLE FOR BEING AN OLYMPIC BALL BOY!!
BUT THE SURGERY WAS PERFECT... I CAN PLAY VOLLEYBALL AGAIN...
AND YOU BETRAYED THAT EXPECTATION!

THEY PAMPERED ME WHEN I WAS ACTIVE, BUT LOOK HOW THEY TREAT ME WHEN I'M INJURED!
TRAGEDY
OTANI SAD(HIS/M'S)
DAMN... EVERYONE'S LOOKING AT ME SO COLDLY...
CAN I REALLY PLAY VOLLEY-BALL AGAIN?
THERE'S ONLY FOUR MONTHS UNTIL THE OLYMPICS..

ONE MONTH LATER...


HUH?
MR. OTANI, THERE'S A PACKAGE FOR YOU..
THAT SON OF A GUN... HE MANAGED TO EVADE HIS PURSUERS!!
IT'S FROM KAZUYA!!
NOW FOR THE REHAB... BUT WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME?
THE CAST'S FINALLY OFF

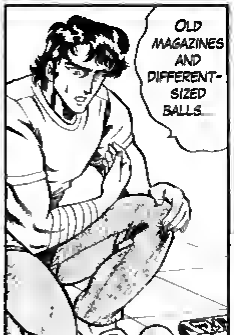
!? W...WHAT ARE THESE!?

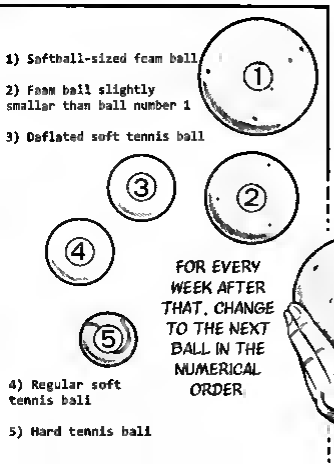
THAT MEDDLESOME LITTLE...
WHAT IS THIS? A CARE PACKAGE?

WHOA...

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, THE CAST SHOULD BE OFF
I'M GOING TO KEEP MY PROMISE I'VE REATTACHED YOUR ARM PERFECTLY
I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN PLAY VOLLEYBALL AGAIN

WHAT IS KAZUYA THINKING...?


OLD MAGAZINES AND DIFFERENT-SIZED BALLS...


1) Softball-sized foam ball
2) Foam ball slightly smaller than ball number 1
3) Deflated soft tennis ball
4) Regular soft tennis ball
5) Hard tennis ball
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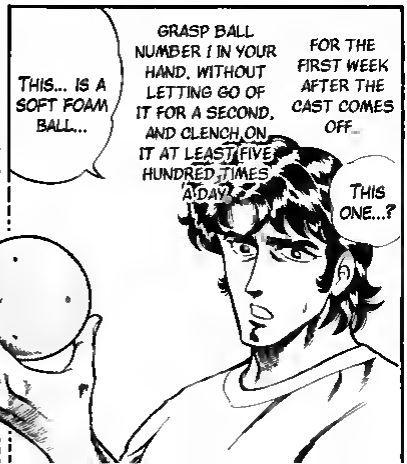
FOR EVERY WEEK AFTER THAT, CHANGE TO THE NEXT BALL IN THE NUMERICAL ORDER


THIS... IS A SOFT FOAM BALL...
GRASP BALL NUMBER 1 IN YOUR HAND, WITHOUT LETTING GO OF IT FOR A SECOND, AND CLENCH ON IT AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED TIMES A DAY.
FOR THE FIRST WEEK AFTER THE CAST COMES OFF...
THIS ONE...?

BUT... WHY DOES HE WANT ME TO...?
THESE... ALL HAVE PROGRESSIVELY HIGHER AIR PRESSURE... AND THEY GO DOWN IN SIZE AS WELL...
THIS SEEMS LIKE IT COULD BE REHAB, BUT WHAT GOOD WILL IT...!?
THOSE BOOKS WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME THINNER AND HEAVIER AS WELL
BE SURE TO GRIP IT WITH YOUR FINGERS EXTENDED
NEXT, PRACTICE GRIPPING THE OLD MAGAZINE I SENT YOU, FIVE HUNDRED TIMES A DAY!
AND LOOK AT HOW SWOLLEN MY ARM IS...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I CAN'T EVEN GRASP THE LARGEST AND SOFTEST BALL...
AHH...

HEHEHE... HI...
!?
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN ...?
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OHHH...!! YOU'RE... THAT KID!!
UH... I WANTED TO THANK YOU...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
OH. YEAH, I GUESS.
HMM ...?
BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY PUT YOUR ARM BACK ON!!
THAT YOU GOT REALLY BADLY HURT FOR ME?
I'M SORRY. I HEAR...

YOU LITTLE PUNK! THAT'S FOR PLAYING NEAR THE TRACKS!!
ゴン!
OW!!
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU COULDN'T GO TO THE OLYMPICS BECAUSE OF ME!!
THANK GOODNESS... THAT'S A RELIEF!!
MAYBE I DID DO THE RIGHT THING AFTER ALL.
HEH HE'S A SPUNKY KID!
I'LL DO IT!!
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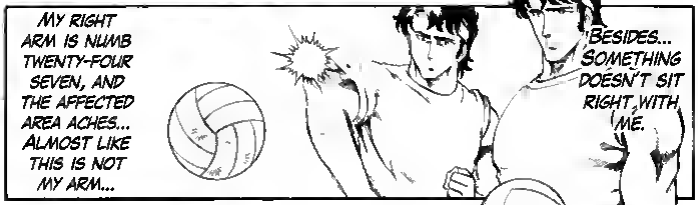
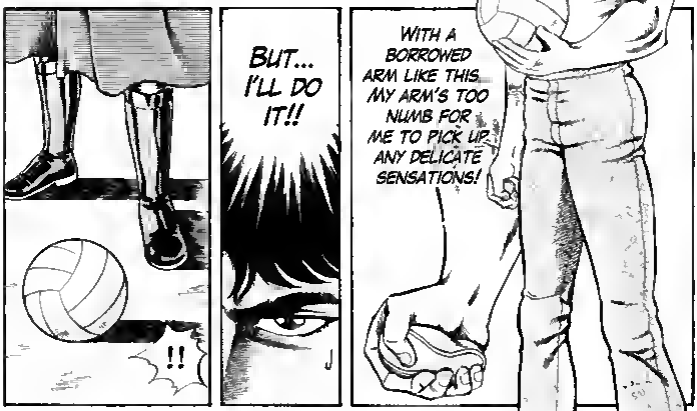
I PROMISE YOU, I'LL MAKE A RECOVERY, FOR YOU AS WELL!!
MY CAST'S OFF NOW.. IT ALL DEPENDS ON REHAB!!
JUST YOU WATCH, KIDDO!
PHEW... MY HEAD HURTS...
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO FIND A PLAYER TO REPLACE OTANI, AND QUICK...
HE JUST KEEPS REPEATING THOSE STUPID MONOTONOUS DRILLS...
HE'LL MAKE A COMPLETE RECOVERY? AS IF!!

STAGE 3: SOFT TENNIS BALL!!
STAGE 5: HARD TENNIS BALL!!
OLD MAGAZINE WITH A LEAD PLATE IN THE PAGES!!
HA AAH!!
HAAAH!!
HAAAH!
HA AAH!
YOU CAN BEND YOUR FINGERS AND TOUCH YOUR FINGERTIPS TO YOUR PALMS! THAT'S REALLY IMPRESSIVE FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST HAD HIS ARM AMPUTATED!!
HERE'S PROOF
IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE YOUR ACCIDENT! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE'S GRIP RECOVER THIS FAST!!
WOW... THIS IS A REAL SURPRISE, MR. OTANI!!
OH
KAZUYA'S SCHEDULE IS PER- WORKING... !! HAPS..
OH NO...
HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SOME KIND OF SPECIAL REHAB?

MY GRIP IS DEFINITELY COMING BACK.
BUT WHY IS MY RIGHT ARM SO MUCH THICKER THAN MY LEFT...?
IT'S SO SWOLLEN...


MY RIGHT ARM IS NUMB TWENTY-FOUR SEVEN, AND THE AFFECTED AREA ACHES... ALMOST LIKE THIS IS NOT MY ARM...
BESIDES... SOMETHING DOESN'T SIT RIGHT WITH ME.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BUT... I'LL DO IT!!
WITH A BORROWED ARM LIKE THIS, MY ARM'S TOO NUMB FOR ME TO PICK UP ANY DELICATE SENSATIONS!

KAZUYA!!
I SEE YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING MY INSTRUCTIONS
ギュッ
YEAH! THIS WAS TRAINING TO IMPROVE MY GRIP, RIGHT?
TO BE PRECISE, GRASPING THE BALL,
THEN EXTENDING MY FINGERS TO GRASP THE BOOK, TRAINS MY EXTENSOR MUSCLE!
I DO HAVE THE GRIP NOW.
SO MUCH, IN FACT, THAT THE REHAB DOCTOR WAS SHOCKED
BUT...
...
MY ARM IS NUMB.

THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK!!
I CAN'T HIT A SOULFUL SPIKE WITH MY ARM LIKE THIS...
I FEEL LIKE THERE'S NO BLOOD GOING THROUGH TO IT
IT FEELS REALLY HEAVY... AND NUMB AND IT'S SO SWOLLEN!
I CAME HERE TODAY TO HEAL THAT.
THAT'S JUST WHAT I FIGURED
OFF
AND STEADY YOUR BREATHING ...!
NOW LOOSEN UP...
HUH!?
GIVE ME YOUR ARM.
YOUR NUMBNESS IS A SIGN THAT YOUR NERVES AREN'T PROPERLY CONNECTED I'M GOING TO TAKE A PULSE OF THEIR JOINTS

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ガシッ!!
THE HUMAN BODY ALWAYS HAS A CERTAIN DEGREE OF ELECTRICITY FLOWING THROUGH IT. I TRIED TO USE IT TO RIGHT HIS PULSE...
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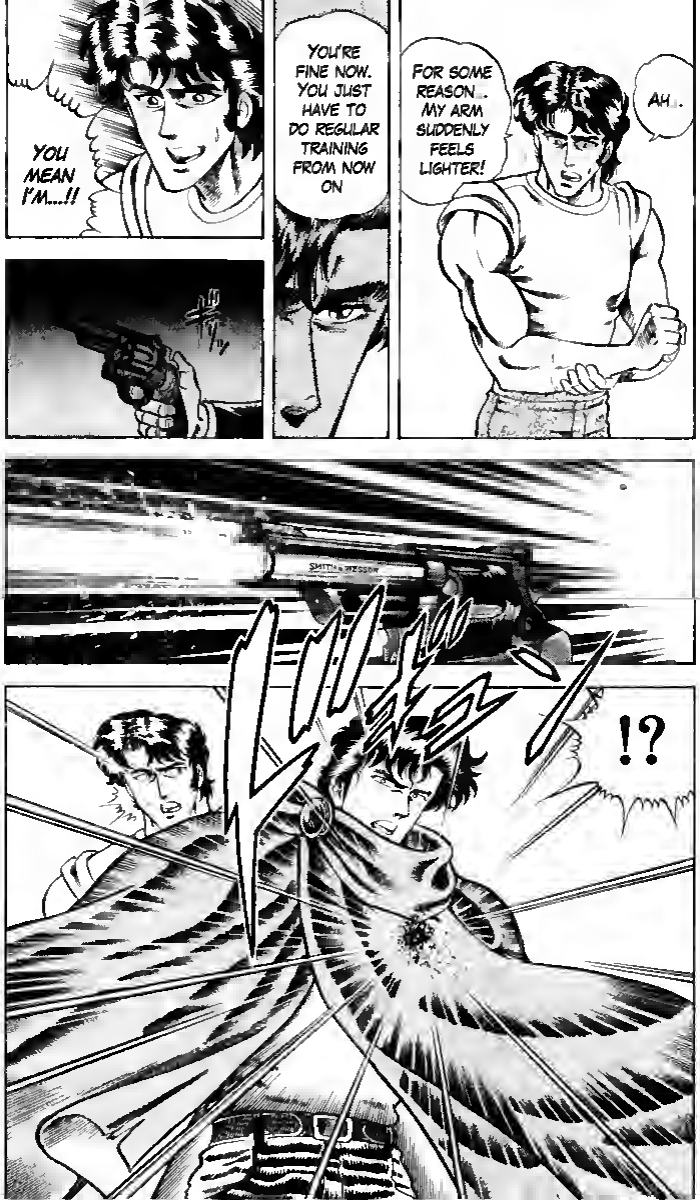
I CAN FEEL THE NEURAL PULSE
I CAN TELL, I CAN TELL!
THESE NERVES ARE NOT JOINED PROPERLY... THEY'RE CAUSING AN ABNORMAL DISCHARGE!


AH..
FOR SOME REASON.. MY ARM SUDDENLY FEELS LIGHTER!
YOU'RE FINE NOW. YOU JUST HAVE TO DO REGULAR TRAINING FROM NOW ON
YOU MEAN I'M...!!
SMITH & WESSON
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CHAPTER 7

CHART 8: SIGNAL GUN OF BLESSING

WE'VE FINALLY GOT K!!
GUOO UGH!!
KAZUYA!!
NNN NGH...
I KNEW THAT TAILING OTANI WAS A GOOD IDEA!
NOW TO FINISH HIM OFF!!
チャッ

YOU BASTARDS!!
!?
HOW DARE YOU SHOOT KAZUYA !!
AAAAAA UUGGHH...
WE'LL KILL YOU, TOO!!

EEP...
YOU PATHETIC HITMEN!!
TO ME!!
WAAAA AUGH...
IF YOU WANT TO KILL KAZUYA, YOU'LL HAVE TO ANSWER...
WE'D BETTER PULL BACK FOR NOW...
I...IT'S HOPE-LESS!!

GOT ITS GRIP BACK ...!?
MY HAND..
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
KAZUYA !!
SORRY... MIND HELPING ME UP?
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW'S YOUR WOUND!?
IF I CAN FIGHT LIKE THAT, THERE'S NO REASON I CAN'T PLAY VOLLEYBALL!!
GOOO!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR ARM'S... ALL HEALED UP
YEAH! AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!!
I GUESS YOU'RE A DOCTOR, BUT...
YOU'D BETTER GET A DOCTOR TO SEE THAT...
IT'S IN MY ARM!!IT... THAT'S WHERE A LOT OF NERVES ARE CONCENTRATED, WHICH IS WHAT MAKES IT TRICKY
BUT IT'S IN A REALLY TRICKY SPOT.
THE BULLET STOPPED AT THE MUSCULAR LAYER...

MNNGH ...!!
THIS IS A BIT OF A ROUGH PROCEDURE... BUT JUST WATCH ME
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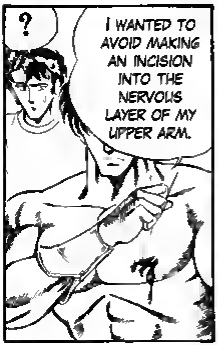
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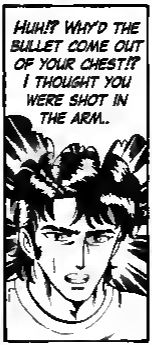
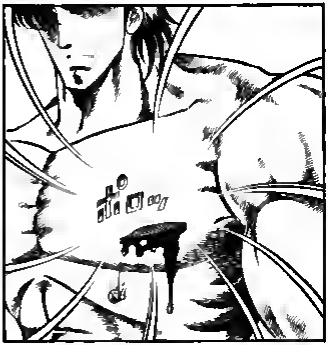
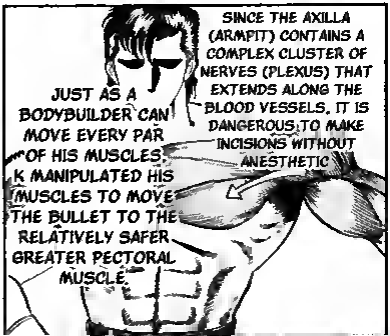
I WANTED TO AVOID MAKING AN INCISION INTO THE NERVOUS LAYER OF MY UPPER ARM.


HUH!? WHY'D THE BULLET COME OUT OF YOUR CHEST!? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SHOT IN THE ARM..

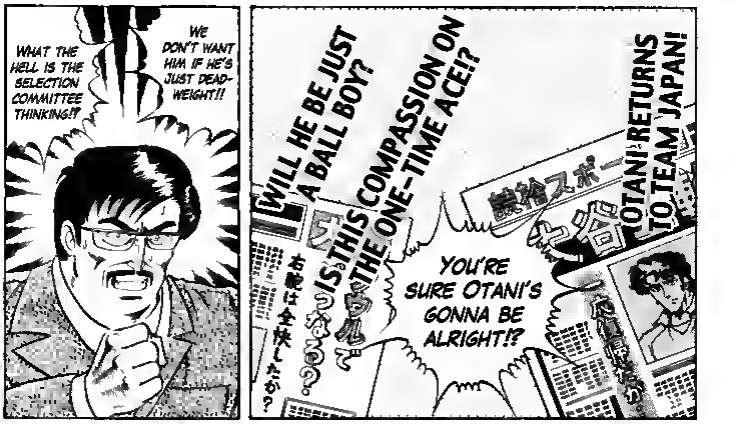


IN MY FAMILY, YOU HAVE TO BE CAPABLE OF AT LEAST THAT TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A MAN..

WOW... YOU NEVER CEASE TO IMPRESS ME..


JUST AS A BODYBUILDER CAN MOVE EVERY PAR OF HIS MUSCLES. K MANIPULATED HIS MUSCLES TO MOVE THE BULLET TO THE RELATIVELY SAFER GREATER PECTORAL MUSCLE.
SINCE THE AXILLA (ARMPIT) CONTAINS A COMPLEX CLUSTER OF NERVES (PLEXUS) THAT EXTENDS ALONG THE BLOOD VESSELS, IT IS DANGEROUS TO MAKE INCISIONS WITHOUT ANESTHETIC

YEAH, I'LL COME.
I PROMISE...
I'M GOING TO SEOUL!
YOU'D BETTER COME AND SEE ME!


WHAT THE HELL IS THE SELECTION COMMITTEE THINKING!?
WE DON'T WANT HIM IF HE'S JUST DEAD-WEIGHT!!
WILL HE BE JUST A BALL BOY?
IS THIS COMPASSION ON THE ONE-TIME ACE!?
OTANI RETURNS TO TEAM JAPAN!
YOU'RE SURE OTANI'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT!?

THE SEOUL OLYMPICS BEGIN!!
I GUESS IT'LL BE LIKE ONE LAST BLAZE OF GLORY BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT.
LOOKS LIKE OTANI'S COMING BACK.
NIPPON
4
6

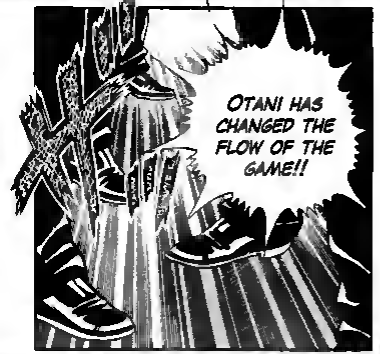
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL FINALS
TEAM JAPAN'S SEEMINGLY HEADED FOR DEFEAT!!
IT'S 6-13 IN THE THIRD SET! THEY'RE COMPLETELY ON THE DEFENSIVE AGAINST TEAM USSR!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
NIPPON
I.. IT'S OTANI!! OTANI'S GETTING BACK ON THE COURT FOR THE FINALS!!
OH.. LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SWAPPING OUT..
THIS IS THE SAME OTANI SADAHISA WHOSE RIGHT ARM WAS AMPUTATED HALF A YEAR AGO!!

PLEASE, ARM... WORK FOR ME!!
HE'S BEEN KEPT AS A BENCHWARMER RIGHT UP UNTIL THE FINALS...
OTANI.
NIPPON 5
CAN WE TRUST HIS RIGHT ARM IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT.?
IS THIS THEIR GOING-AWAY-GIFT TO THE FORMER ACE!?
I GUESS... I'LL SET IT UP FOR HIM...
NIPPON 2
AND THE SOVIETS HAVE SERVED!!
AND OTANI'S JUMPING FOR IT...

!?
NIPPON 1
O-OTANI, ARE YOU...?
!?
HUH...!?
I CAN DO THIS... I CAN DO THIS!!
JUST WATCH ME!!
AH... W-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...?

THE SAME MAN WHOSE RIGHT ARM WAS AMPUTATED JUST HALF A YEAR AGO DELIVERED A SPIKE RIGHT HERE IN THE FINALS!!
OTANI DID IT...!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...!
KEEP ON SETTING THEM TO ME! I'LL SPIKE THEM ALL!!
NIPPON
Y... YEAH!!
THIS GOLD MEDAL'S OURS!!
AND JAPAN'S ON A ROLL NOW!!
KYU KYU!

NIPPON
HE DID IT AGAIN!! OTANI DID IT AGAIN!!


OTANI HAS CHANGED THE FLOW OF THE GAME!!

ゴク…
I ALMOST DIDN'T SEE IT...
WHAT INTENSITY ...

OTANI...
OTANI IS OVER-WHELMING THE SO-VIETS!!

FIND K!!
IF WE PASS THIS UP, WE WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE!
THIS STADIUM OTANI'S PLAYING IN IS OUR LAST LEAD.
K HAS TO BE SOME-WHERE IN THIS STADIUM.

THE WHOLE STADIUM IS BEING FILLED WITH CHEERS FOR OTANI!!
LISTEN TO THAT CHEER FOR OTANI FROM JAPAN'S CHEERING SQUAD...!!
IT'S THE FIFTH SET, AND THE SCORE IS JAPAN 14, USSR 6! JAPAN HAS TURNED THE TABLES!!
IT'S FINALLY THE MATCH POINT! JAPAN'S MADE A CHECK ON THE GOLD MEDAL!!
NIPPON
NIPPON
NIPPON
NIPPON
2
3

IT'S A SAVE!! EVEN THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS ARE PLAYING DIFFERENTLY FROM BEFORE!!
JAPAN'S GOT AN AIR BALL!!
GOOD! SET IT UP!!
OTANI... YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL.
JUST WATCH ME, KAZUYA!!
GO, OTANI !!
YEAH...

AND IT'S UP! IS THIS GOING TO BE THE FEU DE JOIE!?
FAREWELL, OTANI...
NIPPON
BUT. I CAN'T EVEN GIVE YOU A CONGRATULATORY HANDSHAKE THEY'VE ALREADY FOLLOWED ME!HERE
I ENDURED THE HARSH REHAB AND THE COLD GLARES OF PEOPLE AROUND ME..
ALL FOR THIS...
I RISKED IT ALL...

!!
FOR THIS MOMENT!!!

TEAM JAPAN HAS COME FROM BEHIND AND WON!!
HE GOT IT!!
NIPPON
HEY, OTANI! GREAT JOB OUT THERE!!
KAZUYA!?
HE'S GONE...
I'M SO GLAD I NEVER GAVE UP...
YOU'VE REALLY HEALED UP. WELL... MY RIGHT ARM!!
KAZUYA... THIS IS ALL THANKS TO YOU..

WE BELIEVED IN YOU!!
WE FIGURED THAT YOU COULD RECOVER FROM LOSING AN ARM OR TWO ALL ALONG!!
I'M REALLY IMPRESSED, OTANI!!
I DID THIS FOR MYSELF!!
I DIDN'T DO THIS FOR MY COUNTRY OR TO SAVE YOUR FACE.
I'LL SEE TO IT YOU'RE NOMINATED FOR THE PEOPLE'S HONOR AWARD!!
YOU'RE THE PRIDE OF JAPAN!
!?
THIS WAS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE!!
NOW IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR THE AWARDS CEREMONY!!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KAZUYA...!?

THE MAN THAT PULLED US OUT OF THE SLUMP IN MEN'S VOLLEYBALL WAS A PLAYER WHOSE ARM WAS AMPUTATED!
CONGRATULATIONS, OTANI SADAHISA!!
....
JAPAN

KAZUYA... YOU'VE GIVEN ME THIS GOLD MEDAL...
NIPPON

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